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## Hussein making air dash to Bonn

BONN, March 15 (R) — Jordan's King Hussein will make a surprise visit to Bonn Wednesday for talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, a government spokesman said Tuesday. He gave no details of the planned talks. West Germany is current president of the 10-nation European Community.

Informed sources said the lightning visit was arranged Tuesday after a request was received from Jordan Monday. The king would fly on to London on Thursday night, they said.

Kohl is due to chair a European Community summit in Brussels next Monday and Bonn officials said the question of Jordan's role in future Middle East peace talks would be on the agenda.

## Rebecca West dies

LONDON, March 15 (R) — British author and journalist Rebecca West, a feminist noted for her wit and beauty, died at her London home Tuesday aged 90, her secretary announced.

Rebecca West published a string of novels and other books between 1916 and 1977 and contributed widely to British and American newspapers as a literary critic.

Among her works was the 1918 novel *The Return of the Soldier*, recently made into a film. She was made a dame of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth in 1959.

## It's accepting realities, economists say OPEC cut heralds recession end--U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 15 (Agencies) — The United States says the OPEC oil price cut will help the world pull out of recession, but some private economists consider that it only shows up the weakness of a glutted market.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said Monday that the decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to cut its world reference price by \$5 a barrel to \$29 would benefit both the U.S. and world economies. "It will mean less inflation and will serve as a strong shot in the arm to the budding economic recovery," he said in a statement.

But many economists noted that prices on the open market were already at or below \$29 and said OPEC members had little choice but to cut prices or watch their market share slip away. "Most of what they are doing is more or less ratifying what's already happened," said Michael Canes, chief economist for the American Petroleum Institute, a trade group. Energy Secretary Donald Hodel predicted recently that oil prices eventually would fall to about \$25.

Energy Consultant Mark Peterson of the Cabot Consulting Group said a major weakness in the OPEC agreement was Iran's refusal to go along with the benchmark price by reserving the right to cut its price even further. "Iran hasn't given anything," he added.

Petroleum sources said in London that the new agreement has put pressure on the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) to lower its price at least to the level of Nigerian crude. That might spark a retaliatory Nigerian price cut that might lead to a general price-cutting war between OPEC members, shattering the agreement they concluded Monday.

A number of BNOC buyers said its current price of \$30.50 was too high, given the superior quality of Nigerian crude, which sells for \$30 per barrel. They said the Nigerian oil should cost about 50 cents more instead of less than North Sea oil. But Nigeria has indicated that it will match any British price cuts.

The government-owned BNOC seems to want to avoid jeopardizing the OPEC price agreement and damage British interests. BNOC

buyers said that their negotiations about to open with BNOC will be difficult.

Brokers expect firmer oil prices in the short run as a result of the agreement, but are skeptical that the decline in oil prices has been stemmed in the long run. They expect that oil companies could continue selling off their considerable stocks during the coming spring and summer when demand is low while waiting for the latest OPEC pricing agreement to collapse before buying again.

In Tokyo, official sources predicted that a drop in oil prices would stimulate Japan's sluggish economy, but it may also accelerate exports and exacerbate economic tensions with its major trading partners. "Trade balances with the United States and Europe may become more favorable for Japan," said an official at the Economic Planning Agency. "The price cut will boost the economies in the United States, European countries, and they tend to import more than they export when their economies are revitalized," it said.

The oil price reduction is expected to have far-reaching effects on the Japanese economy as a whole since more than 80 percent of Japan's crude oil imports come from OPEC members.

EPA officials said the price cut means Japan will pay \$6.5 billion a year less for oil, a difference that represents about 0.6 percent of Japan's gross national product. Both corporate and individual incomes are expected to rise as a result of the price cuts, EPA officials said, predicting an added GNP increase of 0.35 in the first year and 0.93 percent rise in the second year. International Trade and Industry Minister Sadanori Yamakawa welcomed the move, but said "Japan will maintain a cautious attitude."

In Paris, the West's International Energy Agency (IEA) said that cut would provide welcome relief to the world economy but it was too early to comment on whether the new price would hold. "It will take the oil market a week or two to settle down," an IEA spokesman said.

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## Right step, Yamani says

LONDON, March 15 (Agencies) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani Monday night predicted that the world oil market would firm up "within a short period of time," probably a week or two, under the impact of decisions made by OPEC.

Voicing his satisfaction with the outcome of the "marathon" OPEC talks here, he told a press conference that the market would "definitely" start firming up when oil companies found that the OPEC countries were "serious." He said there were "strong indications" that all OPEC countries "mean business." It was "different from any other time before."

"I don't think Britain will undermine this agreement," he said when questioned about reported pressure on BNOC, the British government-owned company, to cut its North Sea price further. He said the present differential of \$1.50 between the new OPEC crude at \$29 and North Sea oil at \$30.50 was "more than enough."

But he conceded that there might be room for an adjustment of half a dollar between North Sea oil and Nigerian crude.

Sheikh Yamani said the ceiling of 17.5 million barrels a day for OPEC output would not be attained "immediately," but he expected stronger demand for OPEC crudes by the end of the year.

Yamani said he expects some U.S. banks to face difficulties because of the price cut. Yamani gave no details but said OPEC has studies that show that these banks would be in what he called serious difficulties had the oil price dropped further. Western banks generally have been lending heavily to oil producing nations such as Mexico.

## Taking a turn for the verse...

It has been a difficult job getting chapter and verse on what has been going on inside the OPEC meeting in London these past days.

But reporters at least got the verse Monday — in the form of a poem by Dr. Mana Said Oteiba, the United Arab Emirates oil minister.

Dr. Oteiba, who often writes poetry during OPEC conferences, apparently caused a row this time by putting his frustrations, notably with Nigeria's Yahaya Dikko, into a dozen stanzas. The original was in Arabic, and published in *As-Sahaf Al-Awam*, Monday, and reproduced in several newspapers.

I am truly troubled and with OPEC distressed,  
OPEC's major crisis is no longer suppressed.  
The market is stagnant, the price of crude  
— oil depressed.

We called for a London meeting.  
As the market was explosive  
And said: "Dear members,  
The solution must be comprehensive  
To restate the market's health,  
The strength is now imperative,  
Let production have a ceiling,  
Since luck is surely offensive."

To each a share in the market,  
And let supplies be divided,  
And as reduction of the price  
Cannot by now be avoided,  
Let us arise and all declare:  
"A new measure is decided,  
Last we lose these markets we seek,  
And feel disturbed or derided."

What we have said all ministers  
Well understand and know,  
Yet implementing's difficult  
When predictions show  
That each piles himself and feels  
Struck by an unjust blow.

With Dikko we have all pleaded  
Saying: "You are now committed  
To raise your price by one dollar,  
Or else we all stand to suffer."

Yet all our pleas he rejected  
And claimed the issue's been settled.  
He could only reiterate  
What his government had asserted.

"Even by half a dollar," we cried,  
And East and West roared with the same.  
But he again, to our great shame,  
Turned a deaf ear: "If you must blame,  
Do so!" he said, "But then please  
Must first proceed to this game."

Oh, will reproach convert, you think?  
My friend, you are misled!  
We have greatly argued, until  
Our tongues become heavy as lead.

When things seem depressing, ill omen looms,  
And we sink into great anguish,  
But when they brighten up, as with a boom,  
All our troubles seem to vanish.

How many committees have we all had  
When differences were so rampant,  
But when the germ causing disease is fed  
Futile is all predicament.

The price of oil is falling down.  
Reduction does now look inevitable.  
So let us discuss clear quotas  
Though discussions may seem impossible.  
The least of evils seems the best,  
Thus choice rests with what is acceptable.

Our second week in conference has passed.  
Our heavy hearts are feeling now so weary,  
It is our sacrifice to save efforts, we are asked,  
In disputes all members are defeated, surely.  
The price of oil is falling down,  
Its ceiling perforated.

## 'Back to square one' Shultz fails to pierce Shamir's obduracy

WASHINGTON, March 15 (Agencies) — U.S. officials have held intensive talks with the foreign ministers of Israel and Lebanon on the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, but have so far produced no public evidence of progress.

Optimistic statements by Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem were contradicted by Saeb Salam, a top aide to Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, and Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir followed by restating Israel's negotiating position.

After about 10 hours of talks with Secretary of State George Shultz spread over two days and a half-hour meeting with President Reagan, Shamir ruled out the use of any foreign troops in southern Lebanon to guard against infiltration into Israel.

Salem insisted that the Lebanese Army is capable of taking control of southern Lebanon to prevent Palestinian infiltration into Israel. But Shamir disagreed: "We will have to help Lebanon to keep the security in the South because the army will not be able to control this zone in the near future."

Shamir hinted in a U.S. television interview Monday that Israel wants U.S. backing for keeping some forces in Lebanon for two or three years.

Shultz and other U.S. officials have supported Lebanon's demand that all Israeli troops leave. Israel has wanted to keep about 750 Israeli soldiers and as many as five anti-commando observation posts in southern Lebanon.

## One alternative put forward by Washington Fahd confers with Carter

RIYADH, March 15 (Agencies) — King Fahd received Tuesday former American President Jimmy Carter who arrived here from Amman on a visit to the Kingdom as part of a Middle East tour. The royal audience was attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

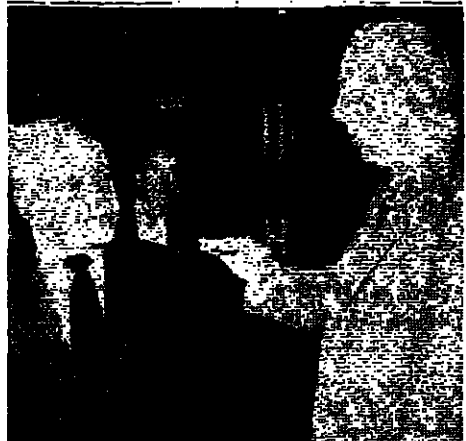
In a press statement before leaving Amman, Carter strongly criticized Israeli policy on settlements in occupied Arab lands, describing it as a violation of the Camp David accords, U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 and the Geneva conventions.

He said the building of settlements also constituted an obstacle to peace in the region.

tion is to have an international force, possibly including Americans, assist Lebanon in protecting its border with Israel.

Former Lebanese Prime Minister Salam was quoted Tuesday as saying the Israelis had brought the negotiations back to square one. In a telephone interview with the independent newspaper *Al-Nahar*, he said: "From my meetings with American officials so far, I feel that the Israelis have taken the negotiations back to zero."

Salam said the Israelis were "raising difficulties to gain time while waiting for more favorable circumstances to dictate their con-



WASHINGTON TALKS: U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz (right) talks with Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir in Washington Monday. (Wiredphoto)

ditions on Lebanon and the United States." Salam was quoted as saying the Israelis insisted on keeping Israeli-manned surveillance posts in South Lebanon after the withdrawal of the main body of their army.

He said they also opposed the use of United Nations or other peacekeeping forces to help the Lebanese Army patrol Israel's northern border.

Lebanese officials close to the talks said before the focus of the negotiations moved to Washington that they understood Israel had given up its demand to keep fixed posts in Lebanon.

The most likely solution to Israel's demand for "security arrangements" in southern Lebanon would be mobile patrols from the Lebanese and Israeli armies, probably with U.S. participation, the officials said.

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## Role of private sector stressed

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, March 15 — The first large-scale Saudi businessmen's conference ended its three-day meeting here Tuesday with a set of recommendations calling for a government review of the rules and regulations governing the activities of the private sector, proposing greater consultations with the chambers of commerce before formulating them.

The conference, which was addressed by several ministers, focused on the role of the private sector and the need to associate it with development plans to give it enhanced responsibility in planning and execution of works. Recommendations emphasized the need to improve the procedures for arbitration and to reconsider the present commercial agencies system in order to ensure better security for the businessmen. The status of insurance companies should also be systematized, the conference said.

It stressed the role of the chambers of commerce represented by its council in preparing social and economic development programs in the country and called for a revision of the labor laws and presentation of more explicit interpretations for them.

Businessmen were exhorted to invest in the country and fight such negative phenomena like bribery, connivance, fraud and cheating. The council of chambers of commerce was

## Britain unveils \$182 billion budget

LONDON, March 15 (R) — Britain's Conservative government, looking ahead to the next general election, Tuesday announced a budget of tax cuts for industry and individuals.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe, disclosing details of the 121 billion sterling (\$182 billion) budget for the financial year that starts next month, told parliament:

"There are signs that the worst of the problems of the world economy are beginning to abate. Oil prices have weakened. There are clear signs that the world is breaking the

inflationary habits of the 70s."

Sir Geoffrey said his proposals for significant tax cuts would be consistent with the government's established policy of tight monetary control.

Forecasting 3 percent growth in domestic demand and a 2 percent rise in output this year, Sir Geoffrey said: "We must look for a larger share of rising demand to be translated into British output and British jobs."

Hours before the annual budget speech, the stock market had already given its verdict on widely published leaks about the chancellor's measures.



## Move aims to encourage national contractors

## Government tenders must be shared with Saudis

RIYADH, March 15 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian government has decided that every foreign company that wins a government tender in the Kingdom must give part of the contract to a Saudi Arabian contractor. Moreover, subcontracting for catering, transportation and banking services will be confined to Saudi contractors.

The decision was disclosed here Monday evening by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani after the weekly cabinet session presided over by Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard. The cabinet resolution was adopted in the light of a report by Muhammad Abdo Al-Khail, the minister of finance and national economy, on a host of measures to be taken to encourage Saudi Arabian contractors. The cabinet also examined the report of a meeting held for the same purpose among the Ministries of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Transportation and Communications.

Dr. Yamani said that other decisions were also taken in compliance with King Fahd's directives to encourage that vital ingredient of the country's national industrial sector and give it a chance to play its role fully in the overall development process.

At the outset of the session, the cabinet listened to a detailed report by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal on the proceedings and outcome of the seventh nonaligned summit conference which wound up last week in New Delhi. It also reviewed the final communiqué of the conference.

Dr. Yamani said that Prince Abdullah briefed the cabinet on King Fahd's meetings with the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat who came here right away from New Delhi to Brief King Fahd fully on the spirit, resolutions and recommendations of the conference and exchange views with him on Arab and international issues, particularly the modality of the Arab drive to carry out the resolutions adopted at the latest session of the Palestine National Council in Algiers.

The cabinet expressed its satisfaction with the results of the summit, especially in so far as supporting Arab causes was concerned. Foremost among such causes were the Palestinian issue, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Iraqi-Iranian war Dr. Yamani said.

Crown Prince Abdullah told the cabinet that the non-

aligned movement had, in fact, proved its success at the Delhi test. "It showed that it could transcend past negative attitudes and move positively to uphold, very effectively, one of the most important liberation causes — a cause against colonialism which is none else but the Palestinian cause, the



Crown Prince Abdullah

Middle East cause. It demonstrated its support and commitment to the inalienable and legitimate rights of the Palestinian people who stand fast in facing all kinds of Zionist and imperialist challenges in the area," Prince Abdullah said.

Abdullah said he was deeply satisfied with the two resolutions adopted at the Delhi summit: one endorsing the unified Arab peace plan as a basis for any just settlement of the problem; and one establishing a committee, headed by India and grouping a number of nonaligned leaders, to have the movement follow up its support of the Palestinian cause in the international arena.

Prince Abdullah added that he was confident that the positive trend taken by the movement to put an end to the

Iraqi-Iranian war" indicated the sense of responsibility which the Third World bears toward this thorny issue which had become part of its preoccupations as it jeopardized the efforts of the movement and squandered its energies and capabilities."

The cabinet then discussed the cultural and educational cooperation agreement between Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Higher Education Minister Sheikh Hassan bin Abdullah Al-Sheikh pointed out that the agreement was in line with the aims and principles enunciated in the statute of the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council. It will help consolidate further the existing links and cooperation between the two sister countries. The agreement centered on the unification of educational and vocational training levels in general and aligning to a great extent the educational and training programs and textbooks, he said.

The minister added that such a program would in turn bring about the desired rapprochement in basic educational and intellectual concepts. The agreement will also encourage authoring, translation and publication and revive the Islamic heritage. Likewise, it will give a fresh impetus to cooperation in scientific research and the exchange of know-how and documentation. Thereupon, the cabinet approved the agreement and empowered Sheikh Hassan to sign it. The cabinet also highlighted the importance of cooperation in the various fields between Saudi Arabia and Qatar and the rest of GCC states.

Dr. Yamani said that the cabinet, after that, reviewed a comprehensive report on the oil consultations that had been taking place for almost two weeks in London among OPEC members and non-members to agree on price and production levels and quotas for the next two years. Such an agreement, the minister said, would spare the international oil market the plight of complete chaos and a price war.

Prince Abdullah said he trusted OPEC's ability to break the deadlock created by certain individual actions. He added that Saudi Arabia was wholeheartedly in favor of the public interest, meaning the interest of both OPEC countries, the oil consuming countries and the world as a whole. He stressed that Saudi Arabia cannot relinquish its moderate policies toward energy problems "because it cares for everybody's interests at the same time."



ANTWERP MISSION: A Belgian team from the Antwerp port is in the Kingdom to discuss future plans with port authorities. The team is led by Jan Huyghebaert, chairman of the Antwerp port. Picture shows (from left) the Antwerp port deputy general manager, F.L.H. Snykens, Huyghebaert, and the port management adviser, L.S. Heeren.

## Belgian port group arrives to explore future projects

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 15 — A Belgian mission from Antwerp has arrived in the Kingdom to visit commercial ports in Jeddah, Dammam and Jubail and discuss future plans and requirements with port authorities.

The mission, composed of 26 representatives of public authorities and private companies, is led by Jan Huyghebaert, chairman of the port of Antwerp, who is also president of the World Trade Center Association of Belgium.

Antwerp, 45 kilometers from Brussels, has become a major port in Europe with increasing traffic coming to Saudi Arabia. "In 1975 the port dispatched 138,495 tons of cargo to the Kingdom, which was exceeded ten times over in 1981 and reached a new record of around 1.8 million tons last year," Huyghebaert said.

Commodities shipped in large quantities to Saudi Arabian ports include barley, iron and steel, gas and diesel oil, sugar, gasoline, cement, metalware and machinery. "This large quantity of commodities makes Antwerp Saudi Arabia's most important partner-port in Western Europe," he added. The port is handling a large quantity of

transit cargo, the share of which increased from 40 percent to 50 percent last year.

"With a total traffic of 84 million tons handled by the Antwerp port, it is not a Belgian port but a European port as such," said Huyghebaert. "Shippers all over the world use Antwerp not only as a loading or discharging port for their European traffic, but also for their overseas trade with other continents. This is mainly because the port offers some 14,000 regular sailings per year covering more than 800 foreign ports and places," he added.

Storage, cargo handling, barge and most services are carried out by private enterprises and their specialization has led to intensive cooperation with Saudi Arabian ports in the exchange of experience and know-how. "Antwerp is the fastest of all large West European and British ports with regard to cargo handling," he said.

Huyghebaert said the actual port area covers 10,600 hectares and a new port zone, 1,300 hectares of which have already been allocated to industry, is being developed. At present installations with a capacity of 124,000 tons for transshipment and storage of LPG gas are under construction in the zone, he added.

## Yamani meets editors in chief

## Fahd's care for press affirmed

RIYADH, March 15 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani met here Monday with directors general of press organizations and editors in chief of local newspapers. The meeting is part of Dr. Yamani's periodical contacts with local journalists to review, follow up and assess the achievements of the media.

In a speech at the meeting, Dr. Yamani said King Fahd was paying great and special care for the press and that he was personally following up its development to serve national goals and the Kingdom's progress.

Yamani noted that King Fahd was satisfied with the development of the press reflected in its objective assessment of various issues aimed at benefiting the country and its people.

Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Abdo Al-Khail, who also attended the meeting, said the government in accordance with directives of King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah, fully supported the press as a basic foundation to crystallize the Kingdom's overall development.

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## 'No concrete accord reached'

## Swedish health minister ends visit

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 15 — The Swedish Health Minister Gertrud Sigurdson has ended a three-day visit "with no concrete agreements between the two governments, but the two sides discussed ways of increasing cooperation between the two health ministries in the Kingdom and Sweden," said the Swedish Ambassador to the Kingdom Fredrick Bergenstrahle.

The minister who left here Tuesday morning had spent most of her time touring Riyadh hospitals like the King Faisal Specialist Hospital, Yammamah, the public hospital, and the King Saud University clinic.

The Swedish team came with the specific aim of getting into hospital management business, which became an important issue following the expansion of the health services in

the Kingdom over the past few years. "We have received an encouraging from Dr. Ghazi Alghosbi and the Saudi team," said Bergenstrahle, but the idea needs to be followed up to examine the practical aspect of the proposal.

The Saudi Arabian side proposed that Sweden receives some patients to be treated in its hospitals. The Swedish side agreed in principle to this proposal, but a detailed study has to be made on the number and cost, especially since the Swedish medical system is based on county councils.

Meanwhile, business delegations are expected to visit the Kingdom in April and May to explore various trade opportunities. The Swedes are believed to be moving from basic construction business to the field of advanced technology transfer.

## Saudi-Chinese panel concludes 5th session

RIYADH, March 15 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian-Chinese Educational Committee concluded its fifth session here Tuesday by recommending promotion of the Arabic language and Islamic culture programs at the Republic of China's universities. Dr. Mahmoud Safar, higher education undersecretary for technical affairs, said.

He said Saudi Arabian representatives welcomed the Chinese desire to broadcast educational Arabic language and Islamic culture programs on Chinese television. The two countries also decided to exchange lists of the two countries' university research and studies, he added. They also agreed on organizing educational weeks.

## BRIEFS

## King cables condolences

RIYADH, (SPA) — King Fahd has expressed his condolences to Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq over the victims of the avalanche which destroyed Qubab village recently. In his cable King Fahd told President Zia that he shared his pain and sorrow.

## Mosque week

RIYADH (SPA) — The organizing of the Sixth Annual Mosque Week in the Kingdom this month is part of efforts under way to give full care to mosques in line with King Fahd's directives. Minister of Pilgrimage Affairs and Endowments Abdul-Wahab Abdul-Wasie has said here.

## A NOTE OF THANKS



Taher Zamarkashi wishes to express his sincere thanks to Dr. Lin Tzee Rong, Head of the Kidney Department at the King Fahad Hospital, Jeddah, for the professional care extended by Dr. Lin to him during the period of his stay in the Hospital.

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## Saudi Cable's partner gets major Kuwaiti deal

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 15 — NKF KABEL BV., of Delft, the Netherlands, a technical partner of the Saudi Cable Company (SCC), has won a major order from the Kuwaiti Ministry of Electricity and Water to deliver, lay and install 132 KV and 33 KV oil-filled cables and pilot cables, SCC announced Tuesday.

Last month SCC and NKF held technical seminars with SCECO Central and SCECO East in Riyadh and Alkhobar to discuss issues concerning the standardization of products, with special emphasis on medium-tension cable and latest technology in cross-linked polyethylene insulation.

The combination of SCC, the only cable manufacturer in the Kingdom and the largest in the Arab World, with NKF Kabel BV., one of the largest cable makers in the world, is proving to be an increasingly effective combination in the competitive markets of

the Middle East.

Omar Khalifati, SCC's president said, "We congratulate NKF on their well deserved success, which will surely be the forerunner of many other large contracts in this area."

Ahmad B. Adra, SCC's vice president, added, "SCC, with technical support from NKF, is in the forefront in the development of new techniques in cable-making and insulation, and such expertise must have a bearing on decision-makers when they consider the placing of contracts for wires and cables specially constructed to cope with the extreme climatic conditions found in Saudi Arabia."

The NKF contract, which is worth a total of 90 million guilders (SR171 million), was signed recently in Kuwait by F.L. Werdmolder, managing director of NKF Group of companies, A.P.G. Appel, director of NKF Kabel BV., and Salah Sultan, NKF's agent in Kuwait.

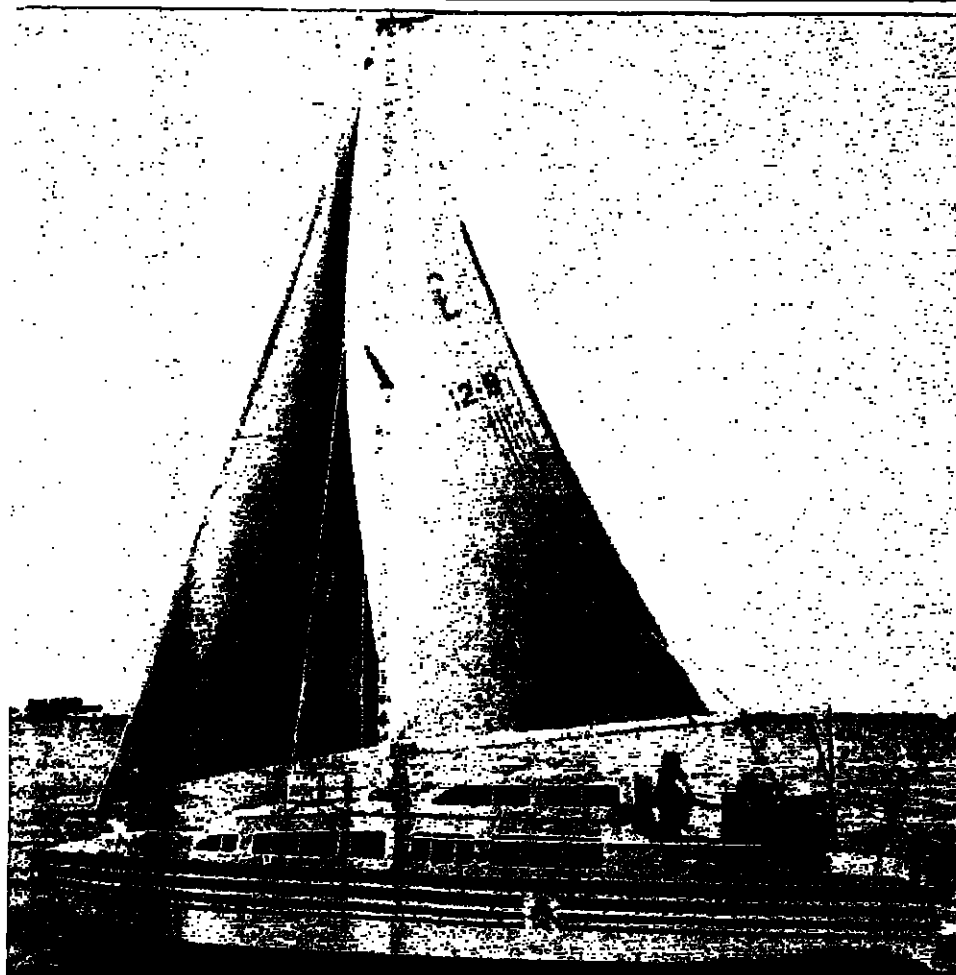
## Shaar highway test runs begin

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 15 — The official test run for the Shaar highway will start Wednesday. The 56-kilo-meter, SR370 million road has been described as one of the difficult engineering projects in the world. It took the contractor, the Chinese company Ret Ser Engineering Agency (RSEA) four years to build the road and its subsidiaries the tunnel and the bridge in the wild mountains of Abha. RSEA which has been operating in the Kingdom for the last 10 years and is involved in another two projects in Abha. The first is SR221 million air base construction project which started last year and is expected to

be completed next year; there is also the SR350 million highway, a two-year project to be completed by 1984.

Last month, the company signed its latest contract with the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu. The SR151.3 million contract is for a community development project in Jubail. On a 300-hectare area, the company will build roads, a telecommunication system, sewage, landscaping irrigation and all the utilities needed for community development. Work should start within one week and completed after 1,200, said Mr. Y. Tseng of RSEA. Some 350 people are expected to be involved in the project, 150 of them will be Chinese.



FLEET FLAGSHIP: Hattan, the flagship of an environmental control fleet has arrived in Jeddah. The vessel, a 12-meter catamaran, was modified to serve as a marine observation post and working platform.

## Floating laboratory to view ecosystems in Red Sea

By Ahmad Kamal Khuroo  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 15 — The Meteorological and Environment Protection Administration (MEPA) has acquired a new marine laboratory for observing and recording the behavior of sea life and marine ecosystems in the Red Sea.

Abdul Karim Henaidi, director of observations at (MEPA) said, "After a series of sea trials Hattan has arrived at Jeddah Port to become the flagship of an environmental control fleet being established by MEPA in the Kingdom."

The department commissioned Ton Lack Catamarans Ltd., of England, to design a vessel that could be both a marine observation post and working platform. The British company modified the design of their 12-meter cruising catamaran to fulfill the commission. It has plenty of accommodation for its 12-meter length and "provides an extremely stable platform for an on-site observation," said Henaidi.

Having a shallow draft of less than one meter, the ship can be navigated close to the

## Far East shipping link opening set

RIYADH, March 15 — Dr. Abdul Aziz Muhammad Al-Turki, director general of the Saudi National Maritime Shipping Company, will be leaving for Tokyo soon to attend the inauguration of the new shipping link between the Far East and the Arabian Peninsula through the giant vessel *Saudi Abha*, *Al-Madina* reported Tuesday.

The ship is one of the largest for the transport of dry cargo. It has a capacity of three million cubic meters and is equipped with the most advanced telecommunications devices. The Kingdom has a similar line with American ports.

reefs, allowing MEPA scientists easy access to some of the most spectacular coral reefs and coastal habitats in the world.

"Her first major work will be to continue the MEPA survey of the Red Sea being carried out jointly with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources," he said. This international body compiles data on rare species and institutes plans to protect them. The data collected through the marine laboratory will enable MEPA to formulate management plans and a conservation strategy for the marine habitats of the area.

The new ship is virtually self-supporting for up to one month of research cruising and has on board some of the latest equipment. It has a system of satellite navigation linked to the vessel's auto pilot, which will make the charting of reefs easier for the captain. Henaidi said the vessel must be guided through "uncharted and dangerous coral heads that have sunk vessels much bigger than Hattan."

The floating platform has an efficient desalination unit that provides up to 200 gallons of drinking water every day for a crew of six.

## Productive factories total 1,384 in Kingdom

DAMMAM, March 15 (SPA) — The number of productive factories in Saudi Arabia has reached 1,384, it was reported here.

*Al-Eqtisad* weekly magazine quoted Industry and Electricity Undersecretary Dr. Fuad Farsi as saying that 2,000 licenses for new factories were also issued and that 400 other factories were under construction.

Dr. Farsi said the Industry and Electricity Ministry will organize a number of exhibitions at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry to promote national products.

## Prayer Times

Wednesday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:04	5:06	4:37	4:24	4:48	5:18
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:30	12:30	12:02	11:49	12:13	12:43
Asr (Afternoon)	3:54	3:56	3:27	3:14	3:38	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:31	6:32	6:03	5:50	6:14	6:43
Isha (Night)	8:01	8:02	7:33	7:20	7:44	8:13

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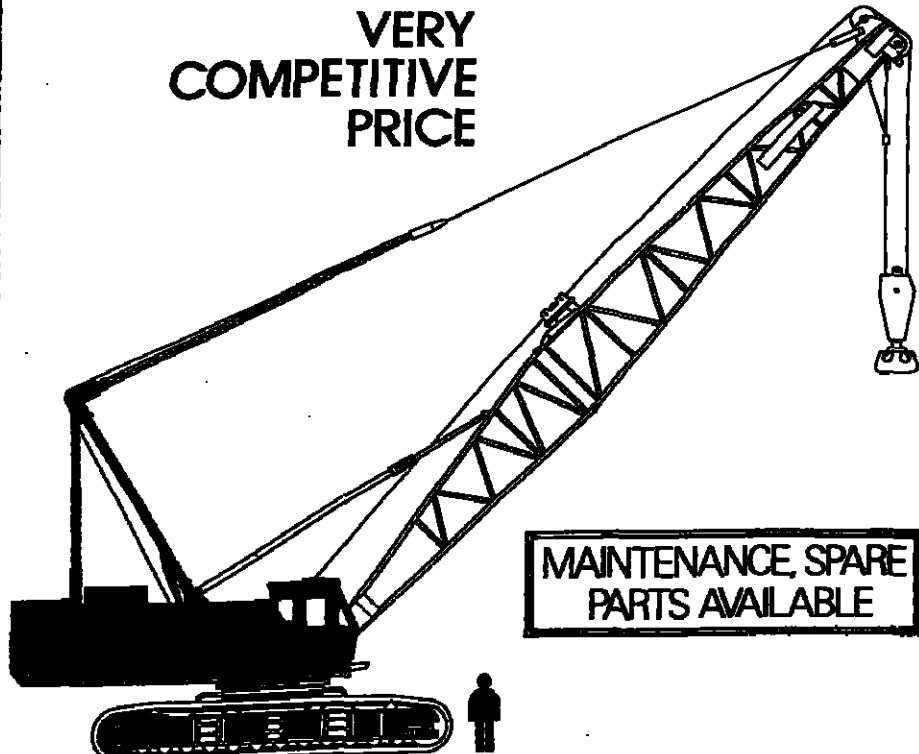
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Admits abuse of power

# Guatemala president announces amnesty

GUATEMALA CITY, March 15 (R) — Guatemalan President Efraín Ríos Montt has acknowledged his year-long government has abused power and announced an amnesty for leftist guerrillas and the lifting of the state of siege in the country. A less restrictive "state of alert" will come into effect on March 23, the anniversary of the coup that brought him to power.

In his first television broadcast since last week's visit by Pope John Paul, Gen. Ríos Montt said: "We know and understand that we have sinned, that we have abused power and we want to reconcile ourselves with the people."

The government, he said, would offer an amnesty to leftist guerrillas who have been active in Guatemala for 20 years. However, he warned that people who continued to harm the population would be punished. The

president offered a 30-day amnesty shortly after last year's coup, then imposed the state of siege in a ruthless drive against the guerrillas.

Party leaders in Guatemala expressed doubt Tuesday whether Ríos Montt's decision to lift the state of siege would definitely lead to a return of constitutional rule.

Centrist and rightist parties, the only ones legally allowed to operate, said the real test of the president's intentions would be the new electoral laws, due to be announced March 23.

Party leaders said they would suspend judgment on the president's plans until the new electoral laws were announced. "We have to know what the laws are to know where we are headed," said Christian Democrat leader Danilo Barillas.

# China hails Delhi summit

PEKING, March 15 (R) — China Tuesday hailed the nonaligned summit in New Delhi last week as a success and said superpower attempts to exploit differences within the movement had been thwarted.

The Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily* said in an editorial the conference had "proposed a series of positive measures aimed at reforming the world political and economic situation and establishing a new international order." "It expressed the just demands of the people of nonaligned countries and reflected the positive role of the nonaligned movement in present-day international affairs."

The paper blamed Vietnam for forcing Kampuchea's seat at the conference to remain vacant. The nonaligned movement was continuing to discuss the problem despite Vietnam's sabotage, the paper said. China supported Prince Norodom Sihanouk's claim

that Kampuchea should be represented by his anti-Vietnamese coalition but this was opposed by India, whose Prime Minister Indira Gandhi became chairman of the movement last week.

India is one of the few non-Communist countries which recognizes the Vietnamese-backed Heng Samrin government in Phnom Penh.

The *People's Daily* said conference resolutions supporting the Palestinian cause, Korean reunification and Namibian independence were "just demands (which) constitute powerful attacks on superpower hegemonism."

The paper said proposals by the nonaligned movement for South-South cooperation "will make useful contributions to improving the economic situation of the Third World and the world at large."

# But U.S. resents 'unfair attacks'

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP) — The State Department said Monday the final declaration of the recent nonaligned movement meeting contains "unfair attacks" on the United States and reflects a continuing influence of leftist nations.

The department's deputy spokesman, Alan Ronsberg, said the United States regrets that the declaration often strayed from the principles of nonalignment which the movement proclaims. He said the document was, in many respects, "unbalanced and polemical."

The triennial summit ended Saturday in New Delhi, with bitter denunciations of American policy in the Middle East. The United States was criticized for encouraging Israel's "habitually aggressive and expan-

sionist policies."

In contrast, there was no explicit reference to the Soviet Union in the document. The delegates called for a political settlement in Afghanistan based on the withdrawal of "foreign troops" without mentioning the Soviet Union by name.

Ronsberg said the many negative elements in the political section of the final declaration overshadow other positive elements of the document which are "more serious and measured."

He said the United States continues to respect the "true principles" of nonalignment, on which the movement was founded. The United States will continue to look for a more faithful application of those principles in the future, he said.

# North Korea denounces war games

TOKYO, March 15 (R) — North Korea bitterly denounced the United States and South Korea Monday as a big American and South Korean naval task force prepared for a mock invasion of the Peninsula.

Articles carried by the North Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), monitored in Tokyo, described South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan as an American puppet and accused the United States of being an imperialist aggressor occupying South Korea.

Meanwhile, the combined fleet, including two American aircraft carriers, prepared to put some 5,000 American and South Korean Marines ashore near Pohang on the southeast coast of South Korea.

U.S. Navy sources said the maneuvers, being observed by at least one Soviet warship, had been postponed for a day because of rough seas. The exercise, part of war games involving 191,000-strong American and South Korean forces, is designed to show how the United States would respond in the event of war in the Korean Peninsula.

The 10-week-long war games have been criticized by China, as well as by North Korea which has placed its forces on "semi-war" alert. North Korean President Kim Il Sung said Sunday he had not attended the nonaligned conference, which has just ended in New Delhi.

Military sources in Tokyo said more than 30 ships were assembled off Pohang, including the 75,000-ton nuclear-powered carrier *Enterprise* and the 52,000-ton carrier *Midway*, normally based in Japan.

# Hong Kong called deformed society

PEKING, March 15 (AFP) — A Chinese magazine has described Hong Kong as a "deformed society" ridden with insecurity, misery, suffering and corruption.

An article in the latest edition of the bimonthly *Banyuetan*, mouthpiece of the Chinese Communist Party secretariat, painted a bleak picture of the British colony, over which China has decided to reclaim sovereignty.

The author of the article, returning from a trip to Hong Kong, wrote that he was "struck by the contrast between the big hotels and the squatter villages, and between the businesses using modern techniques and those which retain the old methods."

The article said that Hong Kong residents are no longer safe, pointing out that in 1981, the police registered 63,000 burglaries, 7,000 murders and over a thousand rapes. "Police-men armed to the teeth guard the banks and jewelers, and many families have been compelled to strengthen their doors," it said.

Only money counts in Hong Kong and the place has thus become a paradise for all kinds of swindlers, the article continued.

# U.S. orders inquiry into aid to Barbie

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP) — Bowing to pressure from Congress and the White House, U.S. Attorney General William French Smith reversed himself Monday and ordered a full Justice Department investigation into charges that twice-convicted Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie was aided by U.S. intelligence after World War II.

Smith tentatively decided early this month not to pursue further reports that Barbie, 69, received U.S. aid in eluding French authorities who were seeking to try him for his role as Gestapo chief in Lyon, France, from 1942 to 1944.

Barbie, known as the "butcher of Lyon," was twice convicted and sentenced to death in absentia by French courts on war crimes

charges in the 1950s. He was expelled from Bolivia and returned to France last month to face another trial for alleged wartime mass murders.

In a statement late Monday, Justice Department spokesman Tom Decar noted the allegations that U.S. officials assisted Barbie's flight to Bolivia from Europe in 1951 and said, "we view these allegations with deep concern, and a preliminary review of pertinent government files indicates that these allegations have sufficient merit to warrant a comprehensive investigation."

"Therefore, the Department of Justice is undertaking a full investigation." The spokesman said the purpose of the investigation is "to develop a factual record of any

relationship that may have existed between Klaus Barbie and the United States government at any time. A report to Congress and the public will be made as soon as the investigation is completed."

Shortly after Barbie was expelled from Bolivia, Erhard Dabringhaus, 65, a professor of German history at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, said that while working as a U.S. army counter intelligence officer in postwar West Germany, he was ordered twice to lie to French officials seeking to locate Barbie.

Dabringhaus said he told the French that he knew nothing of Barbie, although in fact Dabringhaus knew that the U.S. government was paying Barbie \$1,700 per month for at least the last six months of 1948 for his cooperation with U.S. intelligence.

Also last month, John Williams, another retired U.S. intelligence officer, said he had protected Barbie from French interrogators in the spring of 1946 while Barbie was under U.S. Army protection.

Earlier this month, sources said that Justice Department officials had found evidence that Barbie made several trips under an assumed name, Klaus Altmann, to Miami, Florida, and New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1969 and 1970 on trips from his sanctuary in Bolivia.

Sources said, however, that some members of the National Security Council staff at the White House and some Congressmen continued to urge an investigation.

# Woman kills husband, 2 kids

BELEM, Brazil, March 15 (AP) — Claiming she was "possessed by a strange force" Deuzarina Maria Santos killed her husband, mother and two young children and tried unsuccessfully to commit suicide by self-immolation Sunday.

According to the local press, the 33-year-old housewife felt "a strange force" come over her at 2 a.m. Sunday and tried to stop it by reading passages from a religious book.

But she said she found herself taking an iron pipe and clubbing her sleeping husband to death, and then her 78-year-old mother who woke up and ran to protect the children. Mrs. Santos then cut the throats of her two children, two-year-old Ruth and seven-month-old Daniel, the press reported.

She finally poured alcohol over her body and set herself on fire, but was rescued by neighbors who saw the flames and broke into the house. In a local hospital where she is being treated, Mrs. Santos said she had been feeling the strange force ever since she abandoned a religious sect eight months ago.



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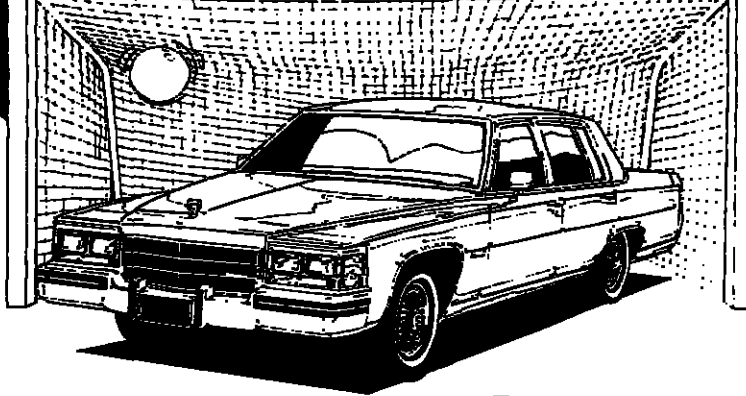
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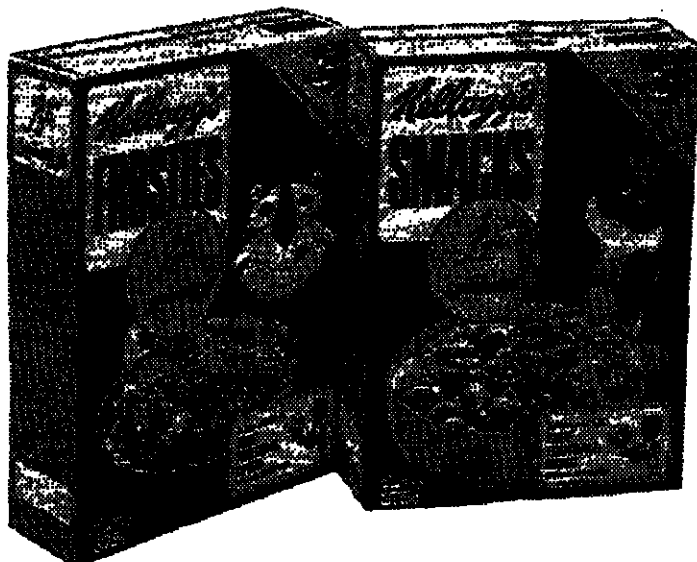
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## At the European security conference

## West told to soften rights demand

MADRID, March 15 (R) — Western governments were urged Tuesday to drop or soften demands for improved human rights conduct in the Soviet bloc in a bid to bring the marathon European security review conference here to a speedy end.

The new initiative was made by eight of the neutral and nonaligned states at the 35-state meeting which tabled a new draft concluding document substantially watering down the Western demands.

The document dropped calls for specific undertakings not to expel foreign newsmen, to halt jamming of foreign radio broadcasts, to respect the right to strike and to sanction so-called Helsinki monitor groups. These are groups set up inside the Soviet Union by individuals to monitor the human rights undertaken in the 1975 Helsinki accords on security and cooperation.

East-West differences over human rights, worsened by the imposition of martial law in Poland, have been largely responsible for dragging out debates here for 29 months. The conference, which began Nov. 11, 1980, can

only end with a consensus vote. The new draft sets April 27 as a proposed closing date.

Diplomats of Austria, Cyprus, Finland, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia said they drafted the new proposed final document to include all that was realistically obtainable in today's East-West climate. Their draft was put together on the basis of debates on a tough series of human rights proposals tabled last November by the United States, Canada and West Europeans.

Another proposal to make specific mention of a meeting of Western foreign ministers in Madrid to condemn martial law in Poland has also been diluted into two vague references and a strong clause on the right of self-determination was dropped.

The neutral and nonaligned draft retains reference to free trade union rights but omits a clause enabling unions to form federations and confederations and inserts a new provision for unions on "compliance with the law of the state." The draft also replaces Western demands for foreign newsmen to have access

to institutions, public and private organizations and individuals with a vaguer call for them to be able to communicate with their sources.

Initial Western response to the new draft, formally tabled by Yugoslavia, was muted. "Clearly, we will have to consult our governments but it appears at first sight to be weak on the human dimension and to be more in line with what the Soviet bloc wanted," a senior Western diplomat said.

He added there was no chance that the West would accept the draft as a final version, leaving open the possibility that the Madrid meeting could end in outright failure or with a one-line communiqué postponing debates for several years.

The new draft also attempts to bridge East-West differences on the scope of a follow-up conference designed to encourage military confidence-building measures and guard against surprise attack in Europe. Moscow wanted the disarmament talks to cover the entire Atlantic. This was rejected out of hand by the United States.

## U.S. police accused of torture

DALLAS, Texas, March 15 (R) — A New Orleans black told a court Monday that police interrogated him so brutally that he made up a story which may have led to the killing of another black fleeing a manhunt for the murderer of a white patrolman.

Robert Davis, 28, is one of four men who have accused seven New Orleans policemen of violating their civil rights in an intensive investigation that left dozens of blacks complaining they were roughed up.

Two of the others and the brother of one have already testified at the trial of the seven officers that police beat them up in an attempt to gain information about the murder in the poor Algiers district of New Orleans in November 1980. During the search four blacks were shot dead by police, who said they opened fire in self-defense.

## Ugandan MP charged with treason

KAMPALA, March 15 (AP) — A member of parliament for the opposition Democratic Party was charged Monday with treason for alleged connections with anti-government guerrillas.

Yoweri Kyesimira was told by Kampala Chief Magistrate John Obwangamoi that he would be tried in the high court and could be sentenced to death if convicted. Kyesimira was remanded in custody for another court appearance March 28.

It was alleged Kyesimira joined the leader of the Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM), Andrew Kayira, in two forests in June and July last year to "wage war" against the Ugandan government of President Milton Obote.

Kyesimira, 48, a former economist in two interim governments between the fall of Idi

Amin in April 1979 and Obote's return to power in a December 1980 election, was charged with treason in 1981 and spent 11 months in detention before the case was withdrawn.

The MP also faces an alternative charge of "misprision of treason," which means he failed to report treasonous activities to the authorities.

Kyesimira, who represents Iganga central constituency, 80 miles east of Kampala, was the only MP from the Busoga area on the opposition benches after seven MPs defected to the ruling Uganda People's Congress Party in 1982. The UFM is one of several guerrilla groups fighting to overthrow Obote since February 1981. They claim the 1980 election was rigged.

## BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — A young woman smoker who lit up a cigarette in a cinema here was seriously injured when an irate anti-smoker stabbed her as she left the movie. The woman, a 35-year-old hotel employee, was rushed to hospital and her assailant, 37, taken into custody by police.

PEKING (R) — A women's association official has been jailed for 18 months for kidnapping three girls and selling them to lonely bachelors, the *China Youth News* said Tuesday. The newspaper said Wang Youping, chairman of Yingshan County Women's Association in the central province of Hubei, sold the girls for a total of \$760. Sale of kidnapped women is a flourishing business in many parts of rural China.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — Barney Clark's aspiration pneumonia, contracted 11 days ago, "appears to be slowly resolving," a University of Utah Medical Center spokeswoman said Monday. Lanaya Wright said the world's first permanent artificial heart recipient was spending a routine day of brief exercise and rest, much as he has for the past week. Clark developed the pneumonia March 3 when he vomited and inhaled some food particles. The 62-year-old Seattle, Washington, area resident continued in fair condition Monday, his 103rd day on the artificial heart implanted Dec. 2.

MADRID (AFP) — A promised referendum on whether Spain should join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization would be "inopportune" at present, Spain's Socialist Premier Felipe Gonzalez told a press conference here Monday. "Spain does not want to contribute by its attitude to the climate of tension in East-West relations," Gonzalez said.

PORTO VECCHIO, Corsica (AFP) — Smugglers set fire to a ship loaded with contraband cigarettes before it could be searched by customs, France's Mediterranean Search and Rescue Center reported here. The crew later abandoned the *Niagara*, a Panamanian-registered freighter, in international waters between Corsica and Sardinia, the center said. They were picked up by Italian authorities. Authorities added that the French Navy may be forced to sink the vessel as a danger to navigation in the area.

PARIS (AFP) — French character actor Maurice Ronet, husband of Charlie Chaplin's oldest daughter, Josephine, died in Paris Monday at the age of 55. Ronet, who died 18 times in more than 70 films, once told an interviewer he feared old age far more than death. He was a loner who wandered through life, a sad caricature of the hapless drifters he portrayed on the screen. "I lived for 16 years in a hotel, with no roots, no attachments, always caught between two suitcases," he once said. "I felt the loneliness deeply."

NAIROBI (AP) — A University of Nairobi student was jailed for five years Monday after a magistrate's court found him guilty of sedition in connection with last August's coup attempt. Senior Magistrate H.H. Buch passed sentence on the student, Ephraim Kinyua Kiria, after concluding that he took part Aug. 1 in a demonstration aimed at inciting disaffection against Kenya's civilian government.

## Truman wanted Soviets to enter war with Japan

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AFP) — The late U.S. President Harry S. Truman wanted the Soviet Union to enter war with Japan in 1945 despite assertions to the contrary by several historians, according to a series of personal letters made public by the Truman library in the president's hometown of Independence, Missouri.

The 1,300 letters written by Truman to his wife Bess spanned half a century from the time he was 26 through his years in the White House from 1945 to 1953.

"I've gotten what I came for, Stalin goes to war Aug. 15th with no strings on it... I'll say that we'll end the war a year sooner," he wrote in a letter from Berlin dated July 18, 1945, during the Potsdam conference with Joseph Stalin and Winston Churchill.

Historian John Ferrel, a Truman specialist, said the letter gives proof that Truman

wanted the Soviets to go to war with Japan. Several historians believe Truman felt the United States alone could end the war and went to Potsdam to keep the Soviet Union out of conflict with Japan. The Soviets finally declared war on Japan Aug. 8, two days after the atomic bomb exploded over Hiroshima and six days before Japan's surrender.

In another letter written at the start of the Cold War in 1947, Truman expressed concern over Italy turning Communist and believed the Soviet Union could attack Western Europe. The former president, who died in 1972, had a favorable impression of Joseph Stalin and referred to him as "Uncle Joe" in several letters.

"I like Stalin. He is straightforward, knows what he wants and will compromise when he can't get it," Truman said of the Soviet leader.

## Aliens enter U.S. via Canada

MONTEPELIER, Vermont, March 15 (AP) — The back woods of New England are becoming the new back door to America for illegal aliens who are spilling across the border from Canada in rising numbers, U.S. officials said Monday.

The number of people arrested trying to cross into the mountains and valleys of the northeastern United States has risen 10 percent in two years, said Larry Teverbaugh, chief agent for the border patrol at Swanton, Vermont.

More than 2,000 illegal aliens from Haiti, Poland, Guyana and 63 other nations were arrested within the area covered by Teverbaugh's 75 employees from Sept. 30, 1981 to

Sept. 30, 1982. For every person arrested trying to get in, there are more who cross the border without getting caught.

The border patrol arrests many foreign drug smugglers, but Teverbaugh said most of the arrested illegal aliens left their homelands because of war, poverty and political strife.

Also caught, he said were natives of Latin America, Greece, Nigeria, West Germany and China.

The refugees travel to Canada, where immigration laws are less strict than in the United States, and try to make it across the border. From the woodlands they head toward large cities such as New York and Boston.

## Man concealed Nazi past, suit says

CHICAGO, Illinois, March 15 (AP) — A 69-year-old man was accused Monday of concealing his past as the warden of a Nazi-associated prison in Lithuania where civilians and Soviet soldiers were starved and executed during World War II.

Antanas Virkutis hid his wartime service from authorities when he was granted U.S. citizenship in 1954, according to a suit filed in federal court by the U.S. Justice Department's office of special investigations. The government is seeking to revoke Virkutis' citizenship.

The Justice Department contends that from 1941 to 1944, while Lithuania was occupied by the Nazis, Virkutis served as warden of the Siauliai Prison and "assisted the armed forces of Nazi Germany."

The suit alleged that hundreds of allied prisoners of war from the Soviet Union died from mistreatment, starvation and exposure.

"He (Virkutis) accepted civilians, including Jews and others, for incarceration by the forces of Nazi Germany and assisted in supervision... which included physical abuse, starvation and execution," the suit said.

## Zhao rules out visit to America

PEKING, March 15 (AFP) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang said that he had no plans to visit the United States this year. Australian sources said Zhao made the comments during a meeting with Ronald Macdonald, publisher of the Australian newspaper, *The Age*. Zhao said "the major obstacle" in Sino-U.S. relations remained the thorny issue of U.S. defense aid to Taiwan.

Last month visiting U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz brought Zhao an invitation from President Ronald Reagan and the principle of such a visit was accepted by the Chinese leader.

There were rumors that the Chinese premier would visit the United States this year. But during Shultz's stay in Peking Zhao at a press conference appeared to rule out such a visit so long as obstacles to Chinese-U.S. relations remained unsolved.

Australian sources Monday said Zhao told Macdonald that the timing of his U.S. visit would be a matter for diplomatic negotiation. The Chinese premier said that he was "not satisfied" with the present state of Sino-U.S. relations.

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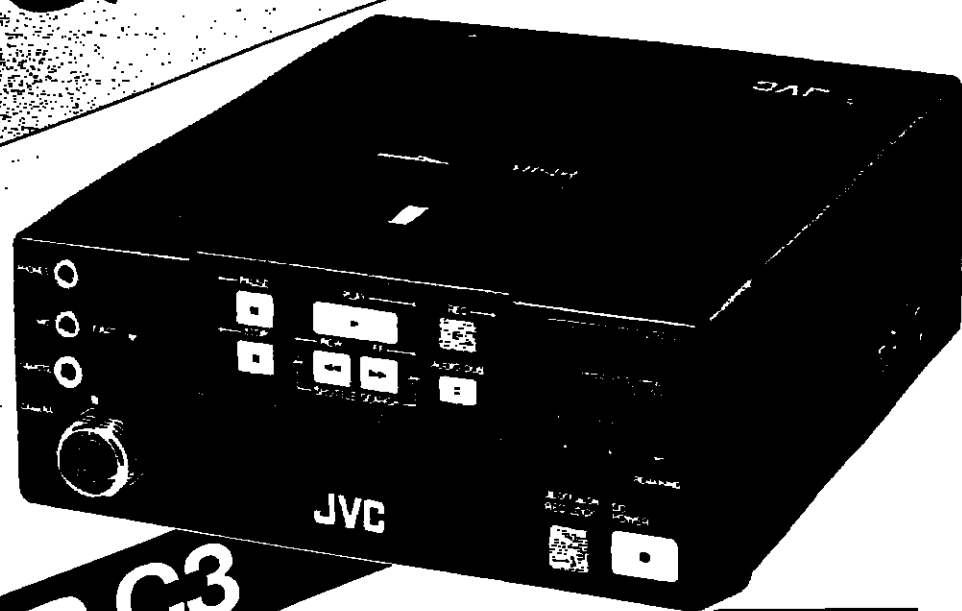
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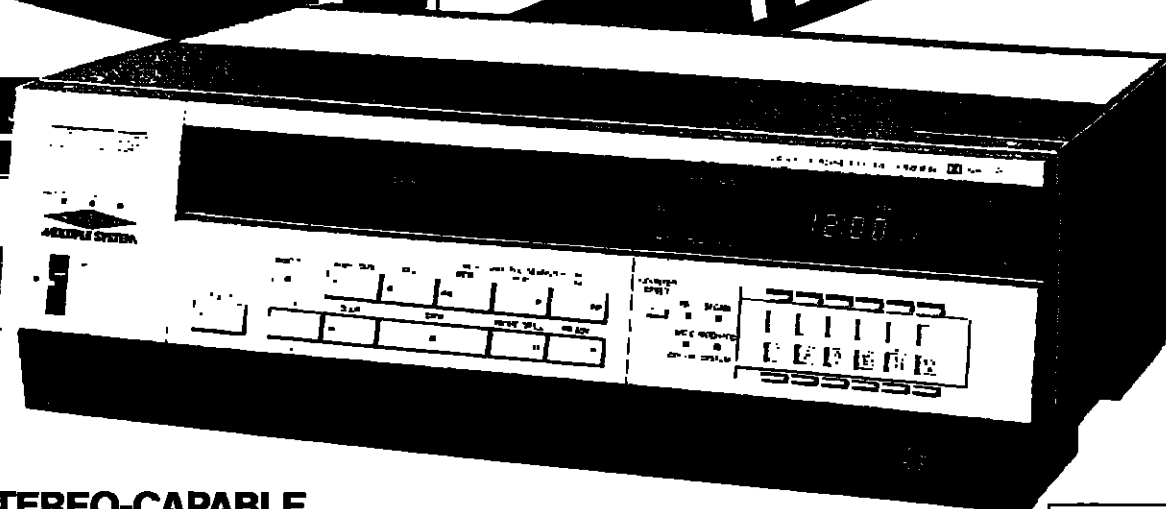
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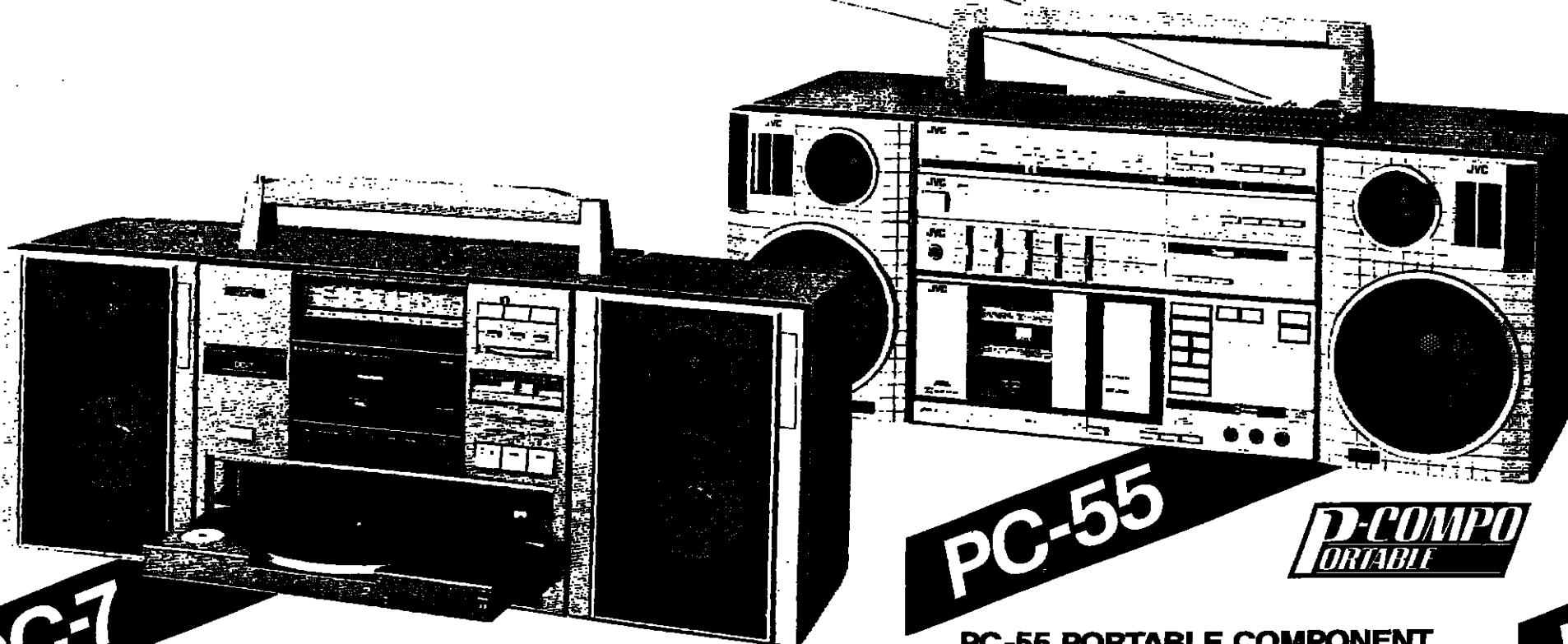


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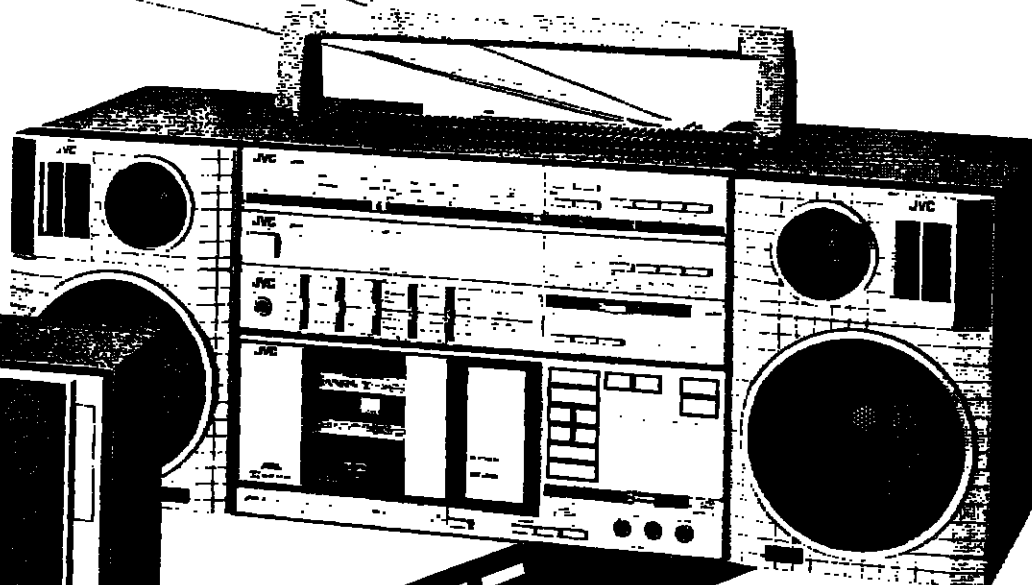


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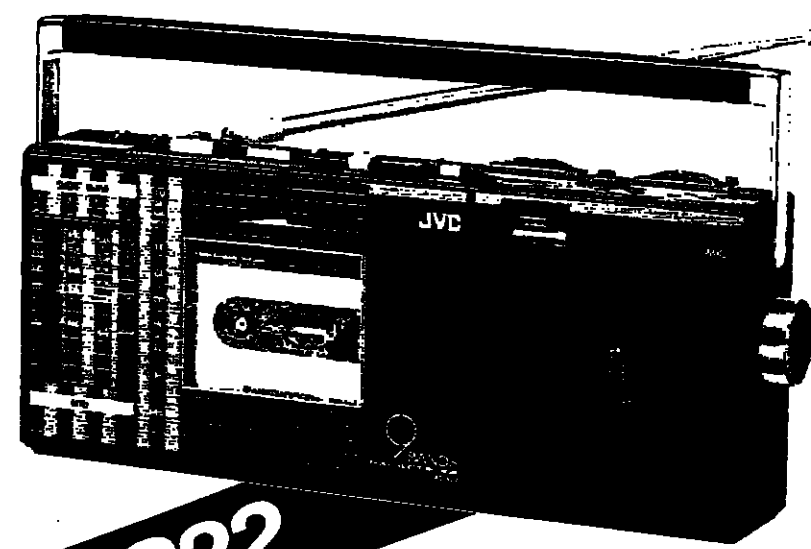


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## Lewis makes Fibak sweat

MUNICH, West Germany, March 15 (AP) — Poland's Wojtek Fibak beat back New Zealander Chris Lewis 6-1, 6-7, 7-5 after repelling three match points during a tense 24-hour session Monday in the \$300,000 World Cup Tennis Tournament.

In other first-round play, former German champion Karl Meiler buckled under American Bill Scanlon of Texas, who put the score at 6-0, 6-1 after just 53 minutes.

Australian John Alexander, ranked 13th, made it to the second round by smashing Brazilian Cassio Motta 6-2, 7-5. Ramesh Krishnan of India tallied 6-2, 6-4 to keep a clear upper against American Tom Cain. The fifth qualifier was Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia, who whipped Eric Fromm of the United States, 6-2, 6-4.

After John McEnroe bowed out with a shoulder injury, Munich organizers moved Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia up as top seed over Guillermo Vilas of Argentina.

Meanwhile, American Mike Depalmer beat Marco Osipoje of Yugoslavia 6-2, 6-0 in a first round action of the \$200,000 World tournament in Rotterdam Monday.

Defending Wimbledon champ Jimmy Connors of the United States was scheduled to compete in the tournament, but cancelled last week citing "personal reasons."

With Connors dropping out of the field, Guillermo Vilas of Argentina agreed to play in the Volvo Grand Prix event and to top seed. Vilas, who is ranked fourth in the world, will play his first match Tuesday against Pavel Slozil of Czechoslovakia.

Second seed American Gene Meyers and his older brother Sandy are also scheduled for first round action Tuesday, as is Australian Peter McNamara, who is coming off a victory over Czech Ivan Lendl last weekend in the Belgian Grand Prix.

The Virginia Slims tournament in Boston, saw one seeded player ousted and another fall to injury. Powerful young West German, Eva Pfaff ousted eighth-seeded Rosalyn Fairbank of South Africa 6-3, 6-2, while Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia dropped out because of injury.

Earlier in the first round matches, former champion, Dianne Fromholtz of Australia was beaten by Wendy White of the U.S. 6-2, 6-7, 6-2. White 22, needed an hour and 40 minutes to force Fromholtz's exit, in a match that pushed the day's program into the start of the evening session.

## Hungarians lead

BUDAPEST, March 15 (AFP) — Hungary head Group "C" in the World Ice Hockey Championships following the last of the third series of matches here Monday.

They lead the Netherlands and China, who also have 100 percent records, on goal difference. China beat Spain 5-0 in the final fixture in the third series. The Chinese won the first two periods 1-0 and took the third 3-0. Their scorers were Sun Zhimin (2) Wang Anfu, Wang Chunjiang and Tian Yujie.

Meanwhile, in Anglet, France, Japan took the lead on the first day of the Group "B" World Junior Championships. The Japanese held a one-point lead over France in goals scored and also a one-point lead in goals yielded. A high-scoring French team beat Denmark 11 to 3. But the Japanese did slightly better against Italy, both offensively and defensively — 12 to 2.

In other matches, Australia beat the Netherlands 8 to 4 and Switzerland beat Poland 6 to 2.



STRETCHES: Bill Scanlon stretches to reach the ball. But the American, however, did not have to stretch himself against West German champion Karl Meiler, whom he beat in just 53 minutes.

## Of the fireside faithfuls

# British cagers out to catch the eye

LONDON, March 15 (PA) — Is basketball going to make the most of the profitable television cue that it has taken from snooker?

Will the nation, weaned in recent years on cushions, colors and cue-balls, become equally eager to watch very tall young men putting all their exertions into two baskets?

This remains to be seen — but if the answer is No, it will be a brave man who seeks to put any of the blame on the Barratt Bullets. The name, after all, has undisputed significance in the prospects of basketball's becoming a sport which can claim incontrovertibly to have attained a national standing.

The Bullets, based at the Aston Villa Leisure Center, where about 3,000 devotees are apt to urge them on their way, recently lost the Asda Cup final by a solitary point but they are battling to be involved in the play-off for the championship of the National League.

They consistently claim bigger crowds than any other club in Britain. Their charisma among the faithful brooks no challenge. On court and administratively, the Bullets do tend to go with a bang.

On court, one of their longlimbed eye-catchers is Greg White — 6ft. 8ins of one-man action, player-coach of brassingtoned exuberance, transatlantic master of the reverse lay-up, the dribble and the two-handed dunk.

Behind the scenes and behind a famous name, is Bob Hope, general manager and self-appointed general factotum — a compact, good-humored character in whom shrewdness and enthusiasm are equal partners; the citizen whose shortage of stature has never threatened to prevent his emergence as a big man in a big man's sport.

His latest personal pinnacle, apart from the successes to which he has steered his club, is his appointment as manager of Great Britain's Olympic team for Los Angeles next year — a repeat of his responsibilities in Moscow in 1980.

Raising the revenue to get there is one of his immediate concerns — which is why he is at present trying to arrange five televised

international matches. He sees television not only as an answer to British basketball's Olympic cash prayer but as the means to spur the sport's progress toward wider popularity and as a source of revenue for National League clubs.

Responsibilities came to him with the apparent inevitability of little Miss Muffet's spider sequence. Unapologetically, he explains that if he becomes involved in anything, he usually ends up running it; cites the Coventry Schoolboy Motorcross Club, which he started two years ago, as an example.

That came about when he and his wife bought their son, then aged eight, a motor-cycle and realized there was no local organization through which schoolboys could enjoy the sport. It now has more than 350 members and its turnover last year was £15,000. "If a job isn't being done properly, I usually end up getting in and taking over and doing it."

He shrugs away the simplicity of it all. He came to basketball full-time as general manager of Team Fiat, the team which is now the Barratt Bullets, in 1978. That was when he could no longer convince himself that basketball was only a hobby. At the time, he was selling outside plastic pipes to water authorities — but basketball had been with him with increasing insistence ever since his days as a member of the Ash Green High School team at Coventry.

On leaving school, he formed the Exhall Eagles, the West Midlands League side, but when it suddenly occurred to him that at 5ft 6in had no chance of hitting the heights as a player he turned to coaching and became Warwickshire's first county coach in 1968.

The National League started two years later, with six teams doing battle and Bob Hope going to Loughborough College to watch the action. "I realized that one day the sport would be extremely big, so I wanted to get involved with the National League — but as a comparatively unknown person in the sport I couldn't attract the players to play for me. But my business background is selling. I'm a salesman."

"All I did was to adopt the same philoso-

## Sabir's ton marks EPCA triumph

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, March 15 — The Eastern Province Cricket Association (EPCA) XI added yet another feather to their cap. Fresh from their fluent victory over a Rivadh selection, they brushed aside Jeddah Cricket Council (JCC) XI's challenge to bag the inaugural Inter-Province Cricket Challenge Shield at the AGE Oval last weekend.

The ten-wicket victory margin looked in doubt at the offset. But JCC's uninspiring performance in their second venture against an EPCA attack which threw everything at them with accuracy paved the way for the victory.

JCC skipper Shahid Amin called the coin correctly and opted to make first use of the strip. And his batsmen justified his decision. Habib Khan led the batting spree with a brilliant 77 which proved the backbone for JCC's tally of 248.

Habib, whose knock included nine boundaries, was associated in three fruitful stands. He put on 58 runs for the third-wicket with Shahbaz Anwar, whose contribution in the stand was 47 — a six and six fours. Shahbaz next saw Nasim Khan fill the vacuum and Habib and Nasim seemed to carry off from where the string had broken. The association

produced 76 runs with Nasim's tally being 26 in 50 minutes. Habib and Afaq Hussain then added 41 runs for the fifth-wicket till Afaq also returned to the pavilion.

Habib also soon followed suit and with him out of the way EPCA ran through the remaining opposition. Shahbaz Bashir, who had claimed Habib Khan leg-before-wicket, returned with a rich haul of five for 60 and was ably supported by Ejaz Ahmed, who finished with three for 60.

EPCA XI began with a big bang. Their openers Jalal Akbar and Muhammad Sabir literally tore the JCC attack to shreds and by the end of the day the prospects of EPCA compiling a mammoth total looked well on the cards. The rip-roaring opening stand of 173 runs saw, both, Akbar and Sabir, in an adventurous mood. They cut and drove at will till Akbar fell to an injudicious stroke. He had made 67, seven fours, in an innings which was captivating.

The fall of Sabir did not, however, shackle Sabir. He carried on undeterred and raced to his century by the end of the day. His belligerent hitting was not without its blemishes. He was let off on three occasions and Sabir made the most of it by finishing with 117 not out. But he did not survive long enough on the next morning. After adding just 11 more runs he went the same way as Akbar — caught behind by Shahbaz off Habib. He and Saleem Raza put on 73 for the second wicket.

Saleem Raza was also associated in another big partnership. With the lead

already assured, the EPCA batsmen went for runs in a big way and this led to some swash-buckling shots all round the wicket by Raza and Jamsheed Mir. These two added 112 runs in quick time for the fifth-wicket with Raza cracking a smashing 75 and Mir a dazzling 77. Mir's innings was embellished by two sixers and six boundaries and he fell trying to make another mighty swing. Shahid Amin finished the most successful bowler with three for 82 as Khalid Khan applied the closure at 393 for eight.

Khalid's gamble in declaring the innings paid off richly. JCC, 145 runs in arrears, lost two quick wickets for just one run on the board and from then on it was just another uphill battle. Shahid Amin and Shaikat Ali stemmed the rot briefly. EPCA, under the astute guidance of Khalid, whittled away JCC's resistance slowly but surely with leg-spinner Azhar Hussain striking deadly. Wickets fell at regular intervals and an innings defeat stared on the face of JCC. But Anis-ud-din (54), Sohail Butt (18) and Afaq Hussain (27) helped JCC to total 152 and force EPCA to bat again. EPCA openers rattled off the eight runs needed for victory with ease.

Best scores: JEDDAH CC XI: 248 (Habib Khan 77, Shahbaz Anwar 47, Nasim Khan 26, Anis-ud-Din 18; Shahbaz Bashir 5-60, Ejaz Ahmed 3-60) and 152 (Anis-ud-Din 54, Afaq Hussain 27, Shahid Amin 21, Azhar Hussain 4-46, Ejaz Ahmed 3-35, Saleem Raza 2-43). EPCA XI: 393 for 8 wickets (Mohd. Sabir 128, Jamsheed Mir 77, Saleem Raza 75, Jalal Akbar 67, Shahid Amin 8-82, Habib Khan 2-21) and 8 for no loss.

## As they chalk out six-wicket win

# Kiwis overcome early scare

WELLINGTON, March 15 (AFP) — New Zealand took little more than an hour to wrap up the second and final cricket Test against Sri Lanka here Tuesday.

The New Zealanders needed only 71 runs when they resumed at 62 for one in pursuit of a second innings target of 133 on the fifth day.

There was some early hope for the Sri Lankans when they picked up the wickets of Geoff Howarth and Jeff Crowe for 11. But with opener Bruce Edgar (47 not out) proving sheet-anchor, New Zealand got through to 134 for four to secure an easy six-wicket victory. All-rounder Richard Hadlee cracked the winning run when he hit a six out of the ground to boost his total to 23.

The Sri Lankan effort was much better than their performance in the first Test, when they were crushed by an innings and 25 runs. But after establishing a first innings lead of 39, their batsmen let them down with a disappointing second innings total of just 93.

The result makes Geoff Howarth New

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, March 15

(AP) — India desperately needed a return to form of their leading batsman, Sunil Gavaskar, if they are to save the second cricket Test match against the West Indies that resumes Tuesday in Trinidad.

India was 160 runs behind on first innings when the third day ended with the West Indies 335 for seven wickets. With two days remaining, it leaves the touring team with only a draw to play for to prevent themselves slipping behind 2-0 in the five Tests series.

The Indians have been let down by their batting so far with unsatisfactory totals of 251 and 174 in the first Test and another modest first innings effort of 175 here. Their most disappointing individual has been Gavaskar, who has scored over 7,000 runs in his 87 Tests and who has a phenomenal record on previous West Indies tours of 1971 and 1976.

So far in three Tests innings in this series he has scored 20, 0 and 1 and has also howled

Zealand's most successful ever captain, with five victories now under his belt, but his failure once again with the bat is of continuing concern as New Zealand look ahead to a tour of England this summer.

New Zealand wicketkeeper Warren Lees won the man-of-the-match award after picking up a New Zealand Test record of eight catches. He also won the award in the first Test when he was the Kiwis' top scorer.

Score board	
SRI LANKA (1ST INNINGS):	240
NEW ZEALAND (1ST INNINGS):	201
SRI LANKA (2ND INNINGS):	93
NEW ZEALAND (2nd Innings):	
G. Tissera b R. Ratnayake	29
B. Edgar not out	47
G. Howarth c de Silva b John	1
J. Crowe b Ratnayake	11
J. Gonyer c Gunaratne b S. de Silva	11
R. Hadlee not out	23
Extras	12
Total (for 4 wickets)	134
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-62, 3-81, 4-116.	
BOWLING: Ratnayake 15-0-46-1; John 8-2-38-1; Ravi Ratnayake 6.1-4-20-1; S. de Silva 6.1-18-1.	

## Gavaskar could do the trick for India

out of form in the territorial match against Trinidad and Tobago and the first One-Day International last Tuesday. A big innings by him would not only give India a chance of saving the match but would be a considerable morale booster.

There have been other Indian batting failures as well, notably middle order batsman Dilip Vengsarkar and captain Kapil Dev, a dynamic all-rounder. India will be hoping for a return to form from both in the next two days.

## Cricket tourney

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 15 — Cricket lovers, there is good news for you. The Philippine Airlines will be organizing a cricket tournament in the near future. Teams wishing to participate should contact Abdul Bari Jamal at 6516192 or 6519516 on or before March 21.

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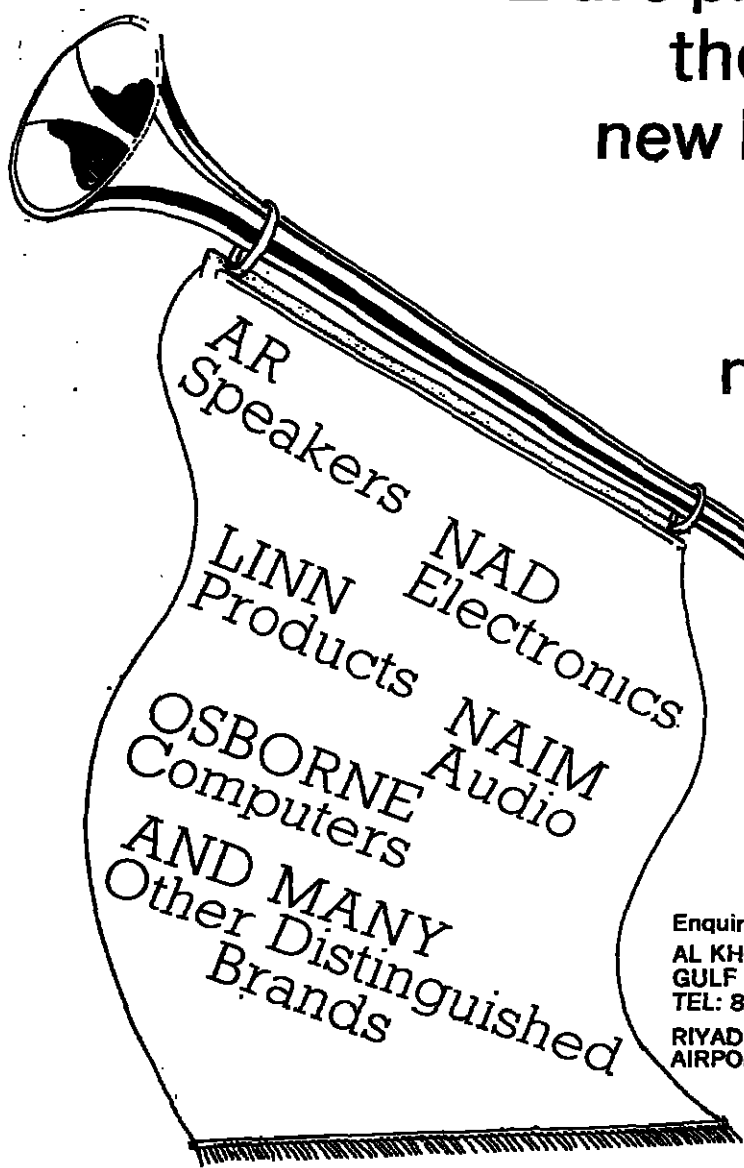
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# Carlton signs \$1.15m contract

CLEARWATER, Florida, March 15 (AP) — Steve Carlton signed a contract with the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday which pays him \$1.15 million for 1983 and makes him the highest-paid pitcher in baseball.

Carlton, 38, signed his name to a four-year pact agreed upon March 3, but delayed for some changes in contract language.

Paul Owens, Phillies personnel director, and executive assistant Tony Siegle represented the Phillies at the early-morning meeting at the Carpenter Complex where the team practices prior to its exhibition season.

The Carlton contract is worth a guaranteed \$4.15 million through 1986. He will earn \$1 million for each of the next three years, and if he meets certain incentives can earn more.

Giles said Carlton's 1983 earnings exceed the reported \$1.1 million paid Houston Astros pitcher Nolan Ryan. Fernando Valenzuela of the Los Angeles Dodgers recently was awarded \$1 million for this season.

Carlton won his fourth Cy Young Award last season after posting a 23-11 record. He was baseball's only 20 game winner and has won 285 games.

## Injured Rossi may not take the field

LONDON, March 15 (R) — Hamburg have employed a fire-eater to try to whip up interest in their European Cup soccer tie against Dynamo Tbilisi Wednesday — the other three quarterfinals need no added attractions.

With a three-goal lead from the first-leg, Hamburg officials fear their meeting with the Soviet champions may lack spectator appeal. So to give the tie pulling power a rock group, fire-eater, and free lottery have been laid on for the people of Hamburg. The prospect of a close finish in each of the other quarterfinal second-leg matches should ensure capacity crowds.

Juventus are sure of fanatical support in Turin when they defend a 2-1 lead against Cup-holders Aston Villa of England. Liverpool can expect a home-town lift as they attempt to pull back a two-goal deficit against the Poles of Widzew Lodz and the all-Iberian clash in Spain between Real Sociedad and Portugal's Sporting Lisbon has obvious appeal.

Juventus, as brilliant now as they were indifferent at the start of the season, may be without European footballer of the year Paolo Rossi, who has a thigh injury. Even so the Italians, with so much skill and subtlety at their disposal, should win.

While Juventus have hit 15 goals in five games and won 2-1 away against league leaders Roma recently and with French star Michel Platini and Pole Zbigniew Boniek in fine form, Villa look to have it all to do. They were humbled out of the Football Association (F.A.) Cup on Saturday and must win by two clear goals to keep their European trophy.

## Against Aston Villa

No side have beaten Juventus in Turin by that margin in 25 years of European soccer.

But the Italians were held to a 3-3 draw at home by little Hvidovre of Denmark in this season's first round, and though that scoreline would not put Villa through, it proves they are not invincible.

Liverpool against Widzew Lodz offers the prospect of the closest finish. Widzew's 2-0 advantage from the first-leg is likely to come under severe pressure against the English champions, who are back in free-scoring form after a run of poor results. Liverpool remain 14 points clear at the top of the English First Division and since losing to Widzew have scored eight goals in two league games at their Anfield ground. Their strike force of Scotland's Kenny Dalglish and Welshman Ian Rush are the main threat to Widzew.

The Real Sociedad defense will have to keep a close watch on Sporting Lisbon's Portuguese strikers Manuel Fernandes and Jordao if the Spanish club are to reach the semifinals. Real must be favorites after losing the first-leg only 1-0 in Lisbon. But their need to push forward in search of goals might let in Fernandes and Jordao at the back.

Both are masters at taking advantage of half chances. Jordao is clearly in a scoring mood, having got both his side's goals in the league win over Varzim on Sunday. The Spanish club need no reminding of Fernandes' ability near goal. He scored the 89th minute winner in Lisbon which makes Real's task more difficult than they would have wanted. Spain also have two representatives left in the Cupwinners' Cup and after drawing from home in their first-leg matches, Barcelona

and Real Madrid should clinch semifinal places. Barcelona, who drew 0-0 with Austria Vienna two weeks ago, will be playing their first European tie under Argentine manager Cesar Luis Menotti, who has replaced West German Udo Lattek.

But Barcelona's other celebrated Argentine, Diego Maradona, who reappeared last Saturday after being out for three months with hepatitis, is unlikely to play. Real Madrid will be confident they can account for Inter Milan after a 1-1 draw in the first-leg.

Manager Alfredo Di Stefano, who as a striker helped Real to five of their six European Cup successes, will be able to field his first-choice team with the exception of full-back Francisco Bonet, who is suspended.



Alan Brazil... John Archibald

## Alan Brazil likely to strengthen Tottenham

LONDON, March 15 (AFP) — Alan Brazil Tuesday agreed to join Tottenham Hotspur in a 500,000 pounds deal, dashing Manchester United's late bid to sign the Ipswich striker.

Brazil, a Scottish international, informed Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw of his decision by telephone after discussing the move overnight with his wife. "He is training with Ipswich this morning and will travel to White Hart Lane and sign," confirmed assistant manager Peter Shreeves. "We have arranged a medical but we don't expect any problems."

Brazil, 23, spent all of Monday afternoon at Tottenham and will almost certainly make his debut at Watford on Saturday. He admitted: "I have been linked with Manchester United all season, but I am flattered that a club like Tottenham have asked me to sign."

"They are one of the biggest clubs in the country and Tottenham has always been my favorite ground to play on."

At Spurs, Brazil will link up with another Scottish World Cup striker Steve Archibald, and he is also looking forward to teaming up with England star Glenn Hoddle. "His passing will suit my game," Brazil said.

## Wimbledon offers fortune too

LONDON, March 15 (Agencies) — Wimbledon prize money this year will be just under one million sterling (\$1.51 million), an increase of almost 70 percent.

Giving details of the championships to be staged from June 20 to July 3, Brian Burnett, chairman of the All-England Lawn Tennis Club and championships committee, said that the men's singles champion would receive 66,000 sterling (\$99,660) and the winner of the women's singles 60,000 sterling (90,000).

Last year, the men's singles champion received 41,667 sterling (62,917) and the women's winner 37,500 sterling (56,250). The overall prize money of 978,211 sterling (1,477,098) this year is 384,845 sterling (581,115) up on the 1982 figure.

Last year, Wimbledon handed over a surplus of more than 1.5 million sterling (2,265) to the British Lawn Tennis Association for the development of the game in Britain. Burnett said Tuesday that because of the considerable financial success of last year's championships, the committee felt it right to "Make a substantial increase in the players' prize money to give them a higher share of the profits."

"With the possible exception of the U.S. Open Wimbledon prize money will compare favorably with any other tennis tournament in the world, including the French Open. We believe this is in keeping with our position as the world's leading tournament."

## Vets take the sting out of Killer Bees in Jeddah Softball

By Nache Nodal Apache

JEDDAH, March 15 — The Jeddah Softball League saw the "A" Division Al-Salam Meridian Vets take on the rest of the "A" Division on four successive nights and miss going into first place by one, single, solitary run.

They began their four-game stint against the "sweet" Killer Bees. The Bees started things off by scoring three runs in the first inning, the Vets did the same in the bottom of the first. In the third the honey gatherers scored two and the Vets were again able to tie it up when Bee catcher Ron Klein threw an errant shot toward third base that finally rolled to a stop in Yanbu. The "Killers" scored again in the fifth to take the lead 6-5. In the bottom of the last inning, Jack Graham started things off with a single, Pete Bauers followed with a double off the wall. The following single by Jeff Kerr scored Graham to tie it up. With two on base, Vets newcomer, Clarence "Rodan" Gandy came to the plate and smacked a towering home run to win the game, 9-6. The Vets were glad Clarence had his shot at a regulation ball.

The following night the Vets lost to Lockheed 1, 1-0 on a defensive game to end all defensive games as Lockheeds one run was unearned. In this game, the Vets were threatening in the bottom of the last inning on singles by Pete Bauers and Jim Heart. With Bauers at third and Heart at first with two

outs, Joe Marott hit what appeared to be a sure shot to tie the game up. However, Lockheed shortstop Gary Fagg, made a spectacular "ring, falling, stumbling, grasping" — yet fantas... — catch for the final out ending the game and putting Lockheed 1 in first place.

The third game of the Vets road show saw the BD All Stars come to town in their best Sunday-go-to-meeting uniforms and score one earned and one unearned run in the first inning. After that Jack Lee Martin turned out the lights and went home as the Vets did a "complete job" on the BD team by holding them scoreless for the remainder of the game, downing them 4-2. (The game was dedicated to Nasrallah Semaan, by Jim Heart). Last, but definitely least, the Al-Salam Meridian Vets took on the Pratt & Whitney prattfalls, er, Eagles, and sneaked to a 13-2 victory on two home runs by Pete (Abu Nathan) Bauers. The Meridian Vets and Killer Bees meet again, March, 16 at Raytheon. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

Other "A" Division scores, the BD All Stars shined brightly as they plucked the Eagles 13-2. The Bees proved mightier than the Eagles also as they rendered them featherless further, 15-3.

In the "B" Division, Raytheon R&R won two by besting Mobil 13-4 and dredging up problems for the Corp of Engineers, 3-0. DATA had an interesting week as they best Bendix 11-4, then lost in nine innings to Raytheon ADI 10-9, then took a rock hunt-

ing trip to Taif. Sogex also had an interesting week, if you call choosing up sides to watch a car rust interesting. They also played ICAO and lost 15-4. Not a close game. They managed to beat Bendix, 10-7. ICAO also jumped into the middle of the PCS playground, 23-4. PCS also lost to Parsons Daniel, 18-1. Powerful Pan Am continues to roll as they did things to Lockheed II that shouldn't be in print. (The score was 19-1).

The Wadi Division saw some same old things and some really new things. First, the interesting, Safeway Truly Fine "laid it out" for the Mobil (W) crew and beat them 10-1. However, shortly thereafter, Mobil (W) finally managed to overcome the league leading Blue Angels for the first time. While Blue Angel pitcher, P. Bourell was having a horrible evening by walking in four of Mobil's (W) runs, the Mobil (W) squad was doing everything even close to legal to pull off this upset. Mobil (W) pitcher K. Gryczka played an excellent game defensively and offensively. Gryczka accounted for all three outs in one inning and two outs in two other innings.

Aiding the defensive efforts by way of spectacular moves and hustle was third base star, S. Mapes who also hit the ball very, very hard. First base standout J. Swift was a major contributor as was J. Cryan in the outfield who pulled down a number of well hit balls. Credit also goes to catcher N. Rogers who also chased every ball that got close to the backstop area whether in play or not. The final Mobil (W) score to win the game was realized when K. Gryczka hit a shot to the short field while L. Hayes was on second as a result of an earlier line drive. Temporary coach, Tommy King, realizing this was their opportunity to do it all waved Hayes home to score the winning run. If this Mobil (W) team can "keep it up," they should go far. Touch of Class 10, Whittaker 1.

"We have been asked to announce that a softball schedule covering the final six weeks of the season will be posted at the playing fields and all team captains and players are

requested to verify their remaining schedule to ensure all are in agreement. "We are prepared to now list the "official" Arab News All Star "A" League defensive team selected on a consensus of opinion. In some positions two players are named because they both received an equal number of recommendations. Other outstanding "defensive" players that deserve recognition are listed as "Honorable Mentions". Here is the true story folks.

Pitcher — Mike Padgett (BD's) Catcher — R.D. Max (Lockheed), Rollin Copeland (Vets) 1B — Billy Townes (Eagles) 2B — Roger Stallings (Bees) 3B — Jack Graham (Vets) SS — Mike Dobson (Lockheed) LF — Pete Bauers (Vets) RF — Fran Conits (Vets) RC — Bob Best (Lockheed), Joe Scheibler (Vets) RF — Sonny Gomez (Bees)

HONORABLE MENTIONS: Outfield: Jim Kingsley (Vets), Jim Jordan (BD's), John McLeod (Eagles). 1B — C. Gandy (Vets); 2B — S. Stroud (Eagles); SS — S. Gilmore (BD's). (The future Jeddah Softball League players in the form of the Yankee Little League team pulled off the upset of the season and deserves a mention here. They were able to defeat the Dodgers who were, until now, unbeaten for the last two years. The game was superbly played by both teams as the Yankees downed the Dodgers, 5-2. Special recognition goes to the three Yankee pitchers who did a superb job. They are: Brian "Smoker" Hottinger, Kirk "Ace" McKenna and David "Shooter" Strope. Defensive standouts for the Yankees were Michel Chiroux and Jacob Graham. The key hit of the game was produced by Zak "Animal" Williams).

Finally, the play of the week was when Eagle catcher Bobby Carter, ran from first base to third, laughing all the way thinking he had really put one over at the expense of the Meridian Vets, when he had already been called out 15 minutes prior on a line drive caught by third baseman Gabe Chiroux. More next week.

## Secret deal for Shergar denied

DUBLIN, Ireland, March 15 (AP) — An Irish member of the international syndicate that owns stolen superstallion Shergar denied Tuesday a newspaper report he is secretly negotiating with the rustlers to return the 13-million-dollar horse.

Capt. Tim Rogers said in a telephone interview from his stud farm at Lucan outside Dublin: "I'm absolutely flabbergasted. I completely deny there are any secret negotiations going on." The Daily Express of London Tuesday quoted Rogers as saying negotiations were under way with the armed gang that stole Shergar Feb. 8 from a stud farm in county Kildare.

However, despite Rogers' denial, there was speculation that contact has been made with the rustlers by the 35-member syndicate headed by the Aga Khan. A police spokesman declined to comment on the newspaper report.

"The Daily Express completely distorted what I said to them," Rogers said. "The report in the Express is totally false. They asked me my opinion about the case and I told them I thought Shergar was still alive and being held in Northern Ireland. I have no evidence for this. It is purely a personal opinion."

Despite an intensive hunt on both sides of the border for the stallion, police have found few clues and no trace of the horse.

## Laciar to fight Hozumi on May 5

TOKYO, March 15 (AFP) — Santos Laciar of Argentina will defend his World Boxing Association flyweight title against Shuichi Hozumi of Japan in the Japanese town of Shizuoka on May 5, it was announced here Tuesday.

It will be Laciar's fourth defense of the title he won by beating Mexican Juan Herrera on a 13th-round technical knockout in Merida, Mexico, on May 1 last year.

In his last title fight, the 24-year-old Argentine knocked out Ramon Neri of the Dominican Republic in the ninth round on March 4 in Cordoba, Argentina, to take his career record to 50 victories, 19 of them knockouts, against six defeats and ten draws.

Hozumi is the no. 5 WBA contender and has never fought in a world title bout. His career includes 20 victories, five of them inside the distance, and two defeats.

Meanwhile, Curtis Parker of Philadelphia won a majority decision over Tone Braxton of Camden, New Jersey, in a 10-round midweight fight in Atlantic City.

Parker 158 1/2, used left jab to improve his record to 22-4 with 18 knockouts.

## Renault gears up to usher in new car

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 15 (AFP) — French Formula One team Renault are to pull out all the stops to have their new model ready for the next Grand Prix at Long Beach, California on March 27.

The Renault-turbos of Alain Prost and Eddie Cheever both finished out of the points in Sunday's opening Brazilian Grand Prix and team boss Gerard Larrousse has decided that they suffer from a basic lack of speed due to outdated aerodynamics.

Meanwhile, Ligier, the French Formula One team, may abandon participation in this year's world drivers' championship before the end of the season, team boss Guy Ligier said.

His disillusioned comments followed Sunday's poor showing in the opening Grand Prix when Raul Boesel packed in on the 25th lap with engine problems and Jean-Pierre Jarier on the 22nd. "I did not realise the team had fallen so low as this," said an angry Ligier.

Ligier also runs a car construction firm near Vicay in central France and he indicated he intended to turn his attentions more in that direction.


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## OIL PRICE ACCORD

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, OPEC, has saved itself from disintegration, at least for the time being, by agreeing to cut its price per barrel by \$5 and fix a quota for production.

The cut is, of course, good news, but it remains to be seen how the big oil companies will use it. Will they pocket the money and maintain gasoline prices as they are or pass it on to the consumer? This remains to be seen.

In any case, the fall in price was inevitable and OPEC has done no more than recognize the bitter fact that the market is glutted. The free market prices had actually fallen because of underselling by Iran, in particular, which needs money desperately to fuel its war with Iraq. OPEC has thus merely endorsed formally the existing price.

Now that OPEC has agreed to slash its price for the first time in its 22-year history, the member states ought to recall the warnings that the government of the Kingdom used to issue whenever there was talk of raising prices. Iran, under the Shah, Libya, Nigeria and others were clamoring for steep price rises that the Kingdom had feared might cause worldwide inflation and, subsequently, recession.

The recession was partly a rebellion against prohibitively expensive oil which the world could not pay for without suffering untold economic agonies. But the hard-liners in OPEC won the day and forced everyone else to demand more with adverse effects on the economies of most states. Without the Kingdom's massive productive capacity which maintained an adequate supply, the price might have gone on rising to dizzy heights with stunning consequences for buyers and sellers alike.

## Saudi Arabian press review

The agreement reached by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the uprising of the Palestinians in the Israeli occupied areas were among the topics of comment by newspapers Tuesday.

**Al-Nadwa** expressed satisfaction with the oil ministers' accord on both prices and production. It said the accord would give OPEC a new momentum and deprive those seeking to strangle the organization of the opportunity to do so. The paper warned against conspiracies hatched by certain quarters.

**Al-Jazirah** praised the uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories and said this could provide the only practical answer to Israeli crimes. It said "popular violence" was the only material weapon left in the hands of the Palestinian people living in occupied territories. "The Israeli enemy practices are aimed at destroying the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The latest attempt made by some Jewish settlers to enter the mosque and demolish it is no less perilous than their previous attempt in 1969 to burn down the mosque," it added.

The 1969 attempt had led to the formation of a Jerusalem committee on the personal initiative of the late King Faisal in order to "explain to the international community the dangers emanating from the Israeli government's decision to annex Jerusalem."

**Al-Madinah** called on the international community to pay due attention to the Palestinian

peoples' struggle. "The Palestinian peoples uprising in the occupied territories has refuted the enemy's claims that its safety and security could be ensured by concluding agreements or holding negotiations with other parties and neglecting the Palestinians," the paper said.

**Al-Bilad** said Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, has rightly affirmed the importance of keeping the Gulf region free from tension and big power rivalries.

Referring to Prince Abdullah's recent statement, it said he had also reasserted the significance of developing the Kingdom's armed forces to ensure welfare, stability and peace in the region. "The Kingdom, through its wise policies and out of its Gulf and Arab responsibilities, has been making diplomatic efforts to ensure a distinguished role for the Arab Gulf states in the international arena," it added.

**Okaz** said the Kingdom had used all its resources to ensure Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, strengthen Arab solidarity and heal Arab differences. "At the same time, the Kingdom continues to build its armed forces so as to support Islamic and Arab causes and recover Palestinian legitimate rights," it added.

The paper also referred to the Kingdom's pledge to improve its defense capabilities to preserve the accomplishments of the GCC and keep the region away from foreign intervention." SPA)

By Nicolas B. Tatro

## DAMASCUS —

Two Soviet missile bases are now in operation in Syria, manned by Russian-speaking crews and capable of striking at aircraft over Tel Aviv, diplomats and military experts here say.

One base guards the northern industrial city of Homs, and the second is east of Damascus. Radar for a possible third site has been mounted on a ridge along the road to Jordan about 20 kilometers south of the capital. Each base is actually a complex of missile systems that include the mobile SAM-6 to guard against low-flying planes, the medium-range SAM-3 and the high-altitude SAM-2, the experts say.

The related communications system is believed to tie into the Soviet satellite network. Sophisticated electronic devices are also in use to counter jamming by enemy aircraft. The heart of the sophisticated new system is the SAM-5, deployed outside the East bloc for the first time even though it was first developed in 1963.

The missile is 16 meters long and has a range of 250 kilometers. Each base has two batteries with 12 missiles in each battery, and more than 50 SAM-5s are now believed to be in Syria, military experts say.

## Europeans urge fresh U.S. initiative on arms cut issue

By David Mason

## LONDON —

Pressure is building in Western Europe for the United States to come up with a new proposal to pump life into the nuclear missile negotiations with the Soviets.

Public urging has come from West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and from Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo. Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers left for Washington Monday for a meeting with President Ronald Reagan and can be expected to add his voice to a growing call for action to unstuck the 16-month-old Geneva missile talks before they go into recess March 28.

So far, Reagan administration officials have been resisting the pressure. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Monday he doubted there would be a "formal U.S. proposal" before the recess, though he declined to rule out informal feelers. Kohl said on the eve of the March 6 West German parliamentary elections he had reason to believe a new negotiating proposal would come

The range allows the missiles in theory at least to bring down Israeli aircraft over Lebanon or hit them shortly after they take off inside Israel. They could hit high-flying AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) or the Hawkeye radar planes Israel uses to direct air attacks. They could also strike planes from the United States 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean.

Some military experts say the missile is most effective against slower-moving planes, such as propeller transports, and therefore could interfere with a U.S. airlift such as the one mounted to help Israel in the 1973 Mideast war. The missiles arrived at the Mediterranean port of Tartous on Jan. 9. The missile convoy, encountered by diplomats on the road to Homs, was accompanied by Russian-speaking soldiers in Syrian-style khaki uniforms and green berets without badges or rank.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger and U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz have both warned that the introduction of the missiles with Soviet crews represented a serious escalation of Middle East tensions by Moscow.

An estimated 750 to 1,000 Soviet troops are located at each of the two sites one at Meskene and the other near the Syrian air base at Dumayr, 40 kilometers east of Damascus. What may be called

the third site is under construction halfway between Damascus and the southern border town of Deraa.

But it is still uncertain who commands the missile bases and is able to give the order to launch. A request by this reporter to visit one of the missile sites was refused by the Syrian army spokesman without explanation. Syrian officials concede the presence of Soviet "experts" but insist Syrians have the ultimate say over whether the missiles are launched.

Asked who controls the SAM-5s, Syrian Information Minister Ahmad Iskander Ahmad said in an interview: "The Syrians. When we buy any weapon this is a Syrian weapon. Syrian soldiers are in command of any weapon in its hands now or in the future."

That does not lessen the fears of a conflict. One diplomat said Israel and Syria are less concerned about involving their patrons than are the superpowers who seek to avoid a Soviet-American confrontation.

Such a conflict could come about in several ways: — Israel could launch a pre-emptive strike aimed at destroying the bases. The death of Soviet soldiers, however, could provoke a Kremlin retaliation against Israel or the United States. — Syria could decide to shoot down Israeli planes

in Israel or Lebanon, inviting retaliation that would escalate into a war — a far more dangerous proposition since 5,000 U.S. and allied peacekeeping troops are on the ground in Lebanon and 4,500 Soviets are in Syria as advisers.

Israeli officials have said they have no intention of striking at the missile bases soon. Chief of Staff Rafael Eytan said recently the SAM-5s are "a new phenomenon in the Middle East but do not constitute a threat unless fired."

Shultz recently claimed that the presence of the Soviet-manned missiles had turned Syria into "another outpost of the Soviet empire." But nearly all diplomatic observers here view that statement as exaggerated stressing that Syria has retained independent policy-making, especially on Middle East issues.

Nonetheless, the Soviet commitment of organized military units to operate the crews was a significant departure from past Kremlin policy, which had been doubtful of the country's long-term stability. The decision, some diplomats here said, may signal a change in policy by the new Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov and an indication that the Soviets are willing to send troops and advanced weapons to defend Syria in a future Arab-Israeli conflict. (AP)

from Washington. But so far as is known, nothing has yet come of his prediction.

On Friday, Kohl, victorious in the elections, told *The Washington Post*: "It certainly is the time for new proposals." West German government spokesman Juergen Sudhoff underscored Kohl's statement Monday by saying the United States should offer the Soviet Union an interim agreement proposal to break the Geneva jam.

Colombo met with Reagan March 9 and urged him to meet with Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov to make a new initiative on the missile issue. More subtle pressure is evident in Britain, where officials have also been speaking of an "interim" solution.

The London *Financial Times* said in an editorial Monday the time has come for a "fresh offer" from Washington. The newspaper said, "the U.S. should propose, alongside its new offer, that George Shultz, the U.S. Secretary of State, and Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet foreign minister, should meet during the Geneva recess" to discuss the deadlocked talks.

The present basic U.S. negotiating position,

backed by the 15 North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, is Reagan's Nov. 18, 1981, "zero option." This calls for dismantling by the Soviets of their SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 rockets already aimed at Western Europe, in return for NATO's abandoning its plans to deploy Pershing 2 and Tomahawk Cruise missiles starting by the end of this year.

But the Soviets have repeatedly rejected the zero option, and West European leaders — faced with new pressure from anti-nuclear groups — fear the Geneva talks will fizzle out. Europeans felt that Reagan had shown a new and perhaps more flexible interest in the Geneva negotiations when in a Feb. 22 speech to the American Legion he said the zero option was "not a take-it-or-leave-it proposal."

He said the only basis for a "fair agreement" is that of "equality of rights and limits between the U.S. and the Soviet Union." British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher "warmly welcomed" Reagan's "important clarification of the alliance's stand on ... arms control."

But nothing more specific happened, and there are growing signs of impatience with Washington.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'Praise' freedom in Philippines

Sir,

I read with interest the letters written by two fellow Filipinos, B. Malaya and C. Geron (Arab News, Feb. 28 and March 6) regarding the present situation in the Philippines. May I offer my own observations on the matter to help enlighten your readers, especially the thousands of Filipino workers here in the Kingdom?

When martial law was declared in the Philippines in 1972, all leading newspapers, magazines, radio and TV stations were closed down. They were subsequently allowed to resume functioning under new owners, mostly cronies and relatives of President Marcos and his wife Imelda. This step to place a large segment of the press in pro-government hands was part of an orchestrated plan to condition the Filipino mind toward acceptance of martial rule and the resulting perpetuation of power by the present regime.

Thus, the Philippine press has since then engaged in systematic propaganda. Newspapers print a daily barrage of government-fed press releases extolling the virtues of martial law, Marcos and his regime. With media safely in the hands of Marcos loyalists, "praise" freedom is the order of the day while free expression of ideas is effectively suppressed. A small newspaper that dared an independent line was closed down and its staff and contributors were arrested. Military authorities subsequently summoned well-known writers of major dailies for "voluntary interrogation" — a subtle reminder for them to keep toeing the line, or else! And this while an unknown number of writers of pre-martial days are still imprisoned on vague charges of subversion.

Indeed "the press should be responsible" — but responsible to whom? The press "has no license to malign people and print inflammatory articles", but neither has the press a license to misinform and deceive the people, which is a greater danger. The only true responsibility of the press is to the public; the only yardstick by which it should be judged is its integrity, judgment, and sense of fairness and not the satisfaction of the ego of one man and his regime.

U.S. and other foreign transnational corpora-

tions, with aid of World Bank-IMF, virtually control Philippines' economy. World Bank decisions are controlled by U.S. and other economic powers. With the U.S. belief that it can create political stability necessary for the unhampered operations of transnationals, the World Bank granted the Philippines huge loans to prop up the Marcos regime. With a country now neck-deep in debt, Marcos has no choice but to implement the World Bank formula for economic development: open-door policy for foreign investments which further strengthens the foreign domination of Philippines economy; a sustained export program which makes the Philippines an exporter of precious raw materials and first-class food while more than half of its population is malnourished; development of tourism which entailed massive expenditures for the construction of plush hotels and exclusive resorts for foreigners; suppression of workers' basic rights to guarantee transnationals an abundant supply of cheap, docile labor; and various similar programs all designed to keep the Philippines an agricultural, raw material-exporting country and a perpetual consumer of Western junk.

The only true measure of economic progress is the improvement of the standard of living and quality of life for the common people. Marcos is a dismal failure in this respect. The alleged "continued development" in Manila and other regions in the Philippines "consists of a string of expensive, grandiose infrastructure projects catering to the whims and caprices of the rich."

Marcos' martial law displaced old oligarchs only to form a new breed of oligarchs composed of his and his wife's cronies and relatives who are more ruthless in pursuing and maintaining their affluence. Thanks to them, to the U.S. and World Bank and to an obedient regime with its pack of Western-educated technocrats, the Filipinos' dream of a true "New Society" is still a dream, after all.

Marcos' firm resolve to hold on to power at all costs created a very dangerous situation where there is no effective opposition and legitimate dissent to serve as a check to this regime's excesses and abuses. With the help of the controlled press, Marcos projected an image of infallibility and indispen-

sability, a sort of a superman who alone can lead the Philippines to progress.

The Marcos-designed succession plan to leave the administration of the country to an executive committee with members of his own choice (not of the people's) reflects an insatiable desire to rule even after his exit. Sadly, his plan will not ensure an orderly succession but will leave his own boys and the opposition scrambling for power — a bitter legacy to the coming generation.

I still love my country; but the Philippines is not Marcos, and Marcos is certainly not the Philippines. I still long for the day when desperate Filipinos like me won't have to flee by the thousands to work in foreign countries just to keep our families alive.

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### Human rights

Sir,

Your editorial of Dec. 7, 1982, drew attention to the plight of prisoners of conscience throughout the world. Your readers may be interested to know that on Human Rights Day 1982, Amnesty International launched an appeal for a universal Amnesty for all prisoners of conscience. The appeal has already received the support of a number of Nobel Peace Prize laureates and other signatories from some 50 countries.

I am sending you a copy of the full text of the appeal with a request that the text along with this letter maybe reproduced in your newspaper so that any individuals who wish to sign the appeal themselves and send it to our international secretariat may do so. (See facing page)

This appeal is a reaffirmation of the need for the international protection of human rights. It raises the issue on an impartial, universal level and is deliberately designed to avoid political overtones.

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1690 — France's King Louis XIV sends troops to Ireland to fight for James III.

1812 — Austria, in alliance with France, agrees to provide army for Napoleon Bonaparte.

1917 — Czar Nicolas II abdicates and Prince George Iov, Paul Miluykov, and Alexander Kerensky form ministry in Russia.

1922 — Britain recognizes kingdom of Egypt under Faud I, with joint Anglo-Egyptian sovereignty over Sudan.

1933 — Britain's disarmament plan for reducing armies fails as Germany insists its storm troops not be included in total.

1934 — Rome protocols are signed between Italy, Austria and Hungary to form Danubian bloc against little entente of Czechoslovakia, Romania and Yugoslavia.

1939 — Slovakia is placed under German "protection" and Hungary annexes Ruthenia.

1963 — Soviet Union moves toward closer economic relations with West by announcing intention to join international agreement on patents.

1969 — Venezuelan airliner crashes on takeoff from Maracaibo, killing 155 persons.

1979 — Soviet Union vetoes U.N. Security Council draft resolution aimed at ending China's invasion of Vietnam and Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia.

1982 — Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev says there will be suspension in deployment of nuclear missiles in European area of USSR.

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Victory belongs to the most persevering—Napoleon Bonaparte, French general-statesman (1769-1821).

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## Tireless campaign for human rights

# Amnesty keeps hope flickering in conscience prisoners' minds

Amnesty International works on the basic premise that the detention of a prisoner of conscience anywhere threatens respect for human rights everywhere.

Whenever the London-based organization hears of the arrest and imprisonment of people because of their views or their origin, it concentrates first on trying to get the facts. At the International Secretariat in London, researchers collect and check every available detail in order to build up a profile of the individual prisoners and the circumstances under which they have been detained. If it becomes clear that the victims are prisoners of conscience, the individual cases are allocated to several of the movement's thousands of adoption groups around the world.

Efforts to get the prisoners released can then get under way. The groups — composed of local Amnesty International members from all walks of life — study the background to the cases and then begin writing to the responsible authorities, appealing for the prisoners' immediate and unconditional release. The work takes months — often years.

Each group looks for new ways to bring home its concern to the authorities. The members try to get publicity about their adopted prisoner in the local press; they go to the appropriate foreign embassy, or trade delegation in their country; they get prominent people to sign appeals. If they can contact the prisoner's family, they can send relief parcels and begin corresponding — sometimes directly with the prisoner.

Amnesty International does not claim credit for the release of any prisoner. Some are released soon after their case is taken up; some are freed in general amnesties; others serve their entire sentences before regaining their freedom. But once a case is taken up for adoption, Amnesty International never gives up its campaign. This is one reason why the organization receives more and more requests for help from prisoners and their families and lawyers. The same week that a young law student was sentenced to three years

imprisonment in an Eastern European country — he had been arrested after collecting signatures calling for the release of political prisoners — his father wrote to Amnesty International: "I experienced the blessing of your appeal, for you have raised your voice in defense of my son... Amnesty International is a light in our time, particularly for those on whose eyes darkness has fallen, when the prison doors close behind them. By your selfless work this light shines on the ever-widening circle of those who need it."

A week later, the organization received another letter from the sister of a Latin American prisoner of conscience. He had been taken out of prison to be tortured and Amnesty International members in many countries had sent telegrams expressing fears for his safety. His torture was stopped. Afterward, his sister wrote:

"I think the support of international organizations like yours... who appealed to the authorities for his life has been very important and efficient. The change in his situation, the treatment they are giving him and the effort to show that he has 'recovered' I attribute to all the international pressure which was so rightly displayed to save his life."

Efforts to free prisoners of conscience can range from writing a simple letter at home and sending it off, all the way to organizing a massive international campaign. Each gesture of concern contributes to the cumulative effect.

On April 1, 1979, a gaunt man with thinning hair stepped off an aircraft at Gatwick Airport near London after three years in Argentina's jails and torture centers. He had been released and his application to go into exile granted, without his even knowing that a hearing of his case had taken place. A British group of Amnesty International had taken up his case, been in contact with his family, arranged for his acceptance in the United Kingdom and bombarded the Argentine authorities with pleas for clemency. Although Amnesty International does not believe exile should be a substitute for the unconditional release of

prisoners of conscience, it will work for this if the prisoner so wishes.

When he was being released, the prisoner was handed back the clothes in which he had been arrested three years earlier. He has lost so much weight, they now hung on him shapelessly. A guard then handed him a large grubby bag. Inside were about 500 letters from Amnesty International members — all carefully preserved by officials who knew that there were people outside who cared about the fate of an individual in their country.

Three years earlier, in another part of the world, a Ukrainian mathematician who had spent more than two years in a Soviet psychiatric prison hospital arrived in Vienna after finally being allowed to emigrate from the country as he had requested. A human rights activist, he had been tried in absentia on charges of "anti-Soviet activity" and ordered to be detained in a psychiatric institution. While confined he was injected with powerful drugs; at one stage his wife described him as having the appearance of a "cushion."

His case was allocated to groups in Austria, Sweden and West Germany. Amnesty International members in other countries participated in the campaign which, at one stage, led to appeals on his behalf by mathematicians throughout the world and by the leader of the French Communist Party.

These two cases are, in a sense, unusual. The majority of prisoners of conscience do not end up in exile abroad. Even when they do, it is often seen as a last resort. But these two prisoners of conscience were restored to a measure of freedom. Countless others remain in detention. For them, and for their families the very fact that there is an organization to work on their behalf can sometimes have very profound psychological effect even when the silent but relentless work does not lead to tangible results immediately. The following excerpts from a report prepared by Amnesty International on Prisoners of Conscience will explain the nature of the organization's work.

**LONDON** — Prisoners of conscience... the term has become an indispensable part of the vocabulary of human rights campaigning all over the world — but what exactly does it mean? Who are prisoners of conscience? Definitions and criteria tend to be abstract, removed from real people and events. Prisoners of conscience are above all else living people.

— In Yugoslavia, a pharmaceutical chemist passes a number of critical comments as he and his landlady watch a television news program — and afterward this private conversation appears in his indictment for "hostile propaganda" against the state and helps send him to prison for 12 years. He is a prisoner of conscience.

— In El Salvador, two married couples and three young children are staying at a friend's house while she is away, when uniformed members of the security forces burst in, demanding to know where the friend is. They torture the adults in front of the children, then beat the screaming children — one aged five — before taking all of them to San Salvador's central barracks. Some days later the children are found in a juvenile reform center. The adults have "disappeared" — they have become prisoners of conscience.

— In the People's Republic of China, a religious leader is arrested during a nationwide "purification" campaign. Twenty-five years later he is still in prison. He is an old man now, in his 80s. He is a prisoner of conscience.

— In South Africa, a widowed mother of two whose husband died in police custody is detained incommunicado continuously for 11 months under one security law, transferred into indefinite detention under another, then released for four weeks, detained again, released again — then "banned" by the minister of justice for five years. She is a prisoner of conscience.

These are four different cases involving seven prisoners of conscience. Amnesty International is working on the cases of between four and five thousand people at any one time. These are prisoners of conscience it knows about individually, by name; and they are only the tip of the iceberg.

In December 1978, on the 30th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Amnesty International stated:

"For each name that is known to Amnesty International, there may be 50 or another hundred which are unknown, amounting to an unacknowledged population of prisoners of conscience scattered over the globe, in overcrowded prisons, in labor camps, in isolated islands."

At the end of Amnesty International's first year — the movement was founded in 1961 — it was working on 210 prisoners of conscience. In the 20 years since it came into existence Amnesty International groups have worked on more than 20,000 individual cases of known or possible prisoners of conscience.

"Prisoners of conscience" is the original term given by the founders of Amnesty International to people who are imprisoned, detained or otherwise physically restricted anywhere because of their beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, language or religion, provided they have not used or advocated violence.

The concept of a prisoner of conscience transcends class, creed, color or geography and reflects the basic principle on which Amnesty International was founded: that all people have the right to express their convictions and the obligation to extend that freedom to others.

The imprisonment of individuals because of their beliefs or origins is a violation of fundamental human rights; rights which are not privileges "bestowed" on individuals by states and which, therefore, cannot be withdrawn for political convenience.

Amnesty International seeks the immediate and unconditional release of all prisoners of conscience. It does not seek to support the beliefs or activities of those who are prisoners of conscience, nor does it claim to speak for them: it calls for their right to speak for themselves in peace and freedom.

Most states have committed themselves to respect internationally agreed human rights standards and to work according to them. They have done so as members of the United Nations, by accepting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Sixty-seven states have done so by ratifying the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which came into force as a binding legal instrument in 1976. Some states have become parties to regional human rights instruments, notably the European Convention on Human Rights and the Inter-American Convention on Human Rights.

Yet nearly half the 154 governments of the United Nations are believed to be holding men and women imprisoned for the non-violent exercise of their human rights.

Most prisoners of conscience are imprisoned because of something they said or wrote or did, like criticizing government policy in a private conversation or at a public meeting signing a petition or publishing an unauthorized book of poems; taking part in a non-

violent demonstration or a labor strike for improved working conditions, joining a trade union or an opposition political party or organization — all actions performed in exercise of the rights to freedom of expression, association, assembly or movement. For instance:

— Petr Uhl, a 40-year-old Czechoslovak engineer, played a leading role in founding the Revolutionary Youth Movement, a radical left-wing group based on an alliance of workers and students during the so-called "Prague Spring" of 1968. In 1977 he was one of the first persons to sign the manifesto of the unofficial Czechoslovak human rights movement, Charter 77. He has been harassed by the authorities over a 12-year period and is now serving his second prison term — five years.

— TAN Hock Hin, 41-year-old former school teacher in Malaysia, has been detained without charge or trial since 1967 — he was arrested for taking part in demonstrations against the United States' intervention in Vietnam and for protesting against his government's decision to ban a Malaysian trade union.

Yet others were imprisoned not for anything they had done or had refused to do — but simply because members of their families or their friends were political or religious activists, like the two Salvadorian couples mentioned earlier. They are peasants who are not reported to have any political involvement, but they happened to be staying at the home of their friend Marienella Garcia Villal, president of the El Salvador Human Rights Commission.

Some prisoners of conscience were held for actions they had undertaken as individuals; others had been part of a group or movement. Some had acted in direct opposition to the government in power or the established system of government; others worked within their country's political system and could not be described as being in opposition to the government. Some have been imprisoned under retrospective legislation for being members of organizations which were still legal when they belonged to them.

Involvement with political parties opposed to the government resulted in many people being imprisoned, even though neither their activities nor those of their party were violent. In a number of countries members of national minorities were jailed for striving after some degree of autonomy and in certain countries members of religious groups were incarcerated for religious practices which went beyond the limits set on religious activity by the state, either formally or otherwise.

In the Soviet Union, for instance, many people imprisoned for the non-violent exercise of their human rights are religious believers.

Few governments admit openly that they have detained people in violation of internationally recognized standards. Government responses to expressions of concern about prisoners of conscience vary widely. Some offer their own interpretations of international standards; claiming, for example, that freedom of expression does not include the right to advocate communism, or alterna-



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tively, to agitate against communism.

Other governments assert they do not send people to prison for their beliefs, but only for criminal acts, although their legislation makes the expression of dissenting ideas a "criminal offense."

In Pakistan a number of political prisoners have been sentenced by summary military courts for contravening martial law regulations which seriously restrict fundamental human rights guaranteed by the constitution. According to a press note issued by the government:

"Anybody who makes a political speech, issues a political statement, makes a political comment, or flies the flag of any political party is thus liable to be prosecuted under Martial Law regulations."

In the German Democratic Republic (DDR), two articles of the penal code that restrict the free passage of information have been used to imprison would-be emigrants who have written to foreign organizations about their difficulties in trying to emigrate.

Some governments admit to holding particular individuals, but claim they were involved in violence, despite evidence to the contrary.

Many refer to a threat to national security and apply legislation which defines that threat so broadly that people believed simply to be critical of the government can be locked away.

Imprisonment itself takes different forms. Most prisoners of conscience adopted by Amnesty International are in prisons, camps, investigation centers or army barracks. Many others, however, have been held under house

arrest, "banned" or internally exiled.

In some countries people have been diagnosed as mentally ill and forcibly confined to psychiatric hospitals, because they exercised their human rights and not for authentic medical reasons.

In some parts the world people are not formally arrested or detained, but are abducted by government personnel, or by groups operating with the connivance of the authorities. If the government refuses to acknowledge that individuals have been detained, or reveal their fate, it is often difficult to ascertain whether they are alive and in detention, or have been murdered. Amnesty International continues to work until it knows what has happened to these "disappeared" people and will adopt them as prisoners of conscience.

With a growing worldwide awareness of human rights and an increase in international solidarity with the victims of their abuse, human rights campaigners have themselves become the targets of repression. Members of human rights organizations are imprisoned, abducted or even killed.

Every day the news media report arrests of people trying to exercise their human rights in non-violent ways. But for every prisoner of conscience whose case becomes "news," there are many more who remain unknown; and even those who gain wide publicity tend to be forgotten as time passes. Amnesty International aims to give attention to all the forgotten prisoners, to put their cases into the public record, to ensure that they remain a public concern, and that they are cared for individually as long as they remain in prison.

## Summary executions, sudden disappearances

By Martin Bailey

**LONDON (LOS)** — At least two million people have been executed without a proper trial in the past 15 years, according to a United Nations report prepared by a Kenyan lawyer, Amos Wako, for the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in Geneva.

Wako concludes that "conservative estimates would put the known victims of summary or arbitrary executions to be at least two million" since 1968. Summary executions are defined as capital punishment following trials in which the prisoner is deprived of basic legal rights, and arbitrary executions as killings carried out by government agents.

The U.N. report does not provide a breakdown of the figure, presumably because of the diplomatic row that would result, but independent observers believe the list must be headed by Kampuchea and Uganda, where an estimated 300,000 were killed in each country during the 1970s.

The study does however give details of deaths which are alleged to have occurred or come to light since 1981, on the grounds that it was during this period that the United Nations "started taking a special and keen interest in summary or arbitrary executions." Among the 18 countries where executions are alleged to have taken place, four have had

a particularly gruesome record during the past two years.

**Argentina:** Thousands of people have disappeared, and many have been found dead, "apparently murdered after being tortured." People have been thrown into the sea or dropped from aeroplanes while still alive. Last October a mass grave with 400 bodies was discovered near Buenos Aires. Most victims were abducted by military or federal police on the orders of "a higher authority."

**Guatemala:** In 1981, 30,000 non-combatants were killed, and in a counterinsurgency program last year a further 2,600 were slaughtered. Death squads under government control were ordered to "clean up areas of civil population" where anti-government guerrillas were active, and the victims were mainly Indian peasants.

**India:** Over 6,000 people were slaughtered from 1979 to 1981 in a campaign against the Naxalite revolutionary movement and those suspected of actively pushing for social reform. "Most of the victims were killed by the police after the arrests, often after being tortured."

**Iran:** Between 4,500 and 20,000 people have been executed, many after being tortured. Even when trials were held, safeguards for the accused "were totally lacking."

## Police after youths

# Suppression in E. Germany

By Werner Koster

**LONDON (LOS)** — The latest case of a young East German being sentenced to a long prison term for an apparent triviality is that of Ronald Jahn, a transport worker and former art student.

Amnesty International tried unsuccessfully to send an observer to his trial in the southern town of Gera in East Germany in the middle of January. Jahn's impish "crime" is that he cycled through his hometown of Jena with a Polish flag fixed to his bike on which he had written "Solidarity with the Polish people."

At least this seems to be what the authorities had in mind when they put him on trial for "contemptuously dealing with state symbols," making him the latest victim of a campaign against young people with a background in the arts and a penchant for free expression.

Jahn made his political cycle tour through Jena at a time (last August) when the East German media were full of appeals to help the peace-loving Polish people in their struggle against Western counter-revolutionaries.

Jahn took these appeals too literally. He had come to the attention of the authorities before by dressing up as Stalin at one time and at another as Hitler when attending officially organized public demonstrations.

The news that he was to be tried secretly prompted several hundred youngsters to try

to travel to Gera. The police warned them against demonstrating on Jahn's behalf and imposed strict controls on travel in the direction of Gera that day.

Troubles between the police and young people in Jena are not new. A peace rally took place there last December at which 70 youths were outnumbered by several hundred police in the central market place. About two dozen demonstrators were taken for questioning and then released.

The rumbles between the Jena authorities and young people go back about two years, when the police took two boys off a train headed for Berlin. One of the boys died in the police interrogation room. Ever since, Jena's youth has been quick to show the authorities its independence. The skirmishes led to the imprisonment of a sculptor and a photographer last year, before reaching a peak with the present series of police harassments and prison sentences.

In January a left-wing West Berlin newspaper published an open letter from a number of former East German writers and artists, plus some of the West German colleagues, protesting about the oppressive treatment and imprisonment of young artists in Jena. The letter was addressed to the president of the East German Painters and Sculptors Association, Willi Sitte. Their appeal ends: "You must not allow the prosecution of art and the suppression of peace to emerge again in Germany. You must help those concerned."

## Justice delayed in S. Africa

By Allister Sparks

**CAPE TOWN (LOS)** — An elderly African leader has been literally rotting in jail here for the past two-and-a-half years while the slowest trial in South African history has proceeded against him.

Oscar Mpetsha is 72 and suffers from diabetic complications which have affected his circulatory system, threatening to cause a gangrenous deterioration in his legs. He has had two operations while the case has dragged on, including a toe amputation. Now doctors have warned his left leg may have to be amputated.

Yet the state has refused to allow him bail and Mpetsha has had to remain in jail throughout the snail-paced proceedings.

His health is so bad the judge, Denys Williamson, excused him from court appearances for lengthy periods during which the case went ahead without him. But Mpetsha is charged under the security laws which means the judge has no jurisdiction over bail. That is up to the state-employed Attorney General, Neels Rossouw, who must act on the advice of the security police. Rossouw has refused seven requests for bail from the defense lawyers.

Mpetsha, a veteran civic and trade union leader, is charged with terrorism and murder. He is accused of inciting blacks to violence at meetings in a township near Cape Town three years ago, causing them to riot and stone two white motorists to death.

Mpetsha has denied attending the meetings or being anywhere near the scene of the stonings. Only three of more than 80 state witnesses have implicated him at all, and the judge recommended that one of those be charged with perjury.

Defense lawyers considered the evidence against him so thin they applied for his discharge at the close of the state case last August, arguing he had nothing to answer.

Judge Williamson refused the application, noting that one of Mpetsha's 18 co-accused, Philip Nyongwana had made a statement to the police implicating Mpetsha and that he had still to give evidence in his own defense. So Mpetsha stayed on in jail.

Nyongwana, a former psychiatric patient described by a state doctor as emotionally unstable, finally gave the game up when he said his statement to the police was false and that he had made it because he was afraid of them. Mpetsha was not implicated, he said.

For the old civic leader that still did not mean freedom. He must wait now for the case to run its full course and for judgment to be given, which lawyers say could be another five months.

Mpetsha's troubles began during a black bus boycott in August 1980. As sympathetic motorists gave the walkers lifts, the police made road checks, ostensibly looking for unlicensed taxis. This inflamed emotions and rioting broke out. Young blacks set up road blocks, stopped cars and stoned two white men to death.



**COMMUNIST PRISON:** This picture giving a rare glimpse into life in a Communist prison located outside Warsaw, Poland, was taken by a camera smuggled out of the prison. The inmates are two Solidarity members who, with primitive tools, are producing cards and postcards which are then smuggled out.





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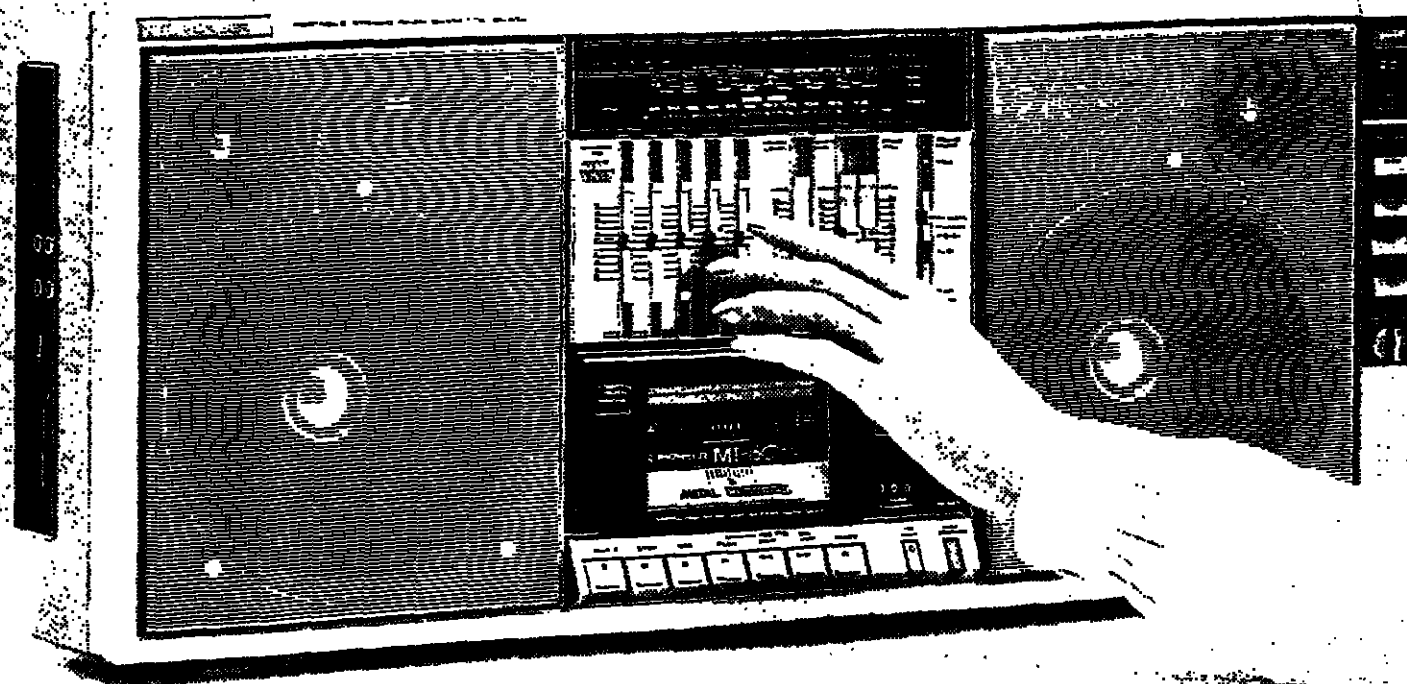
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## Exports up by 31.3%

# Polish industrial output rises by 15%

WARSAW, March 15 (AP) — Production by Polish industry rose by 15 percent in January and February, over the same period in 1982, the official Polish news agency reported Monday citing government figures.

The figures appear to indicate increased production or increased prices, which have risen since last year, rather than by units of output. The report gave only percentage increases and it was impossible to compare them accurately with past years.

Imports rose by 47.2 percent during the first two months of the year while exports rose 31.3 percent, according to the government's central statistical office. Exports to Western countries for the period rose by 18.2 percent while imports from the West grew by 42.1 percent over the first two months of 1982.

The Polish economy, damaged during the 1980-81 social turmoil, staggered badly in the early months after the martial law decree of Dec. 13, 1981, but has been recovering slowly under a series of economic reforms introduced by the government of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski.

Industrial production, mining output, apartment construction and wages all increased in the January-February period over last year, but 17.4 percent less livestock were sold to the state distribution system in February 1983 than during the same month

## French in dilemma over idle tankers

PARIS, March 15 (AFP) — The French maritime industry is wondering what to do with France's four supertankers, which are currently out of work because of the world oil glut.

They each displace more than 500,000 tons, and together account for nearly 20 percent of the national oil tanker fleet. They were launched between 1977 and 1979.

The 555,031-ton *Pierre Guillaumat* is currently at anchor, along with about 50 other tankers, off the coast of Fujairah Emirate at the entrance to the Gulf, waiting for oil shipments that are nowhere in sight.

Its twin, the *Preahel* has been at anchor in the French port of Brest since mid-January, guzzling 30 tons of fuel a day at a cost of 30,000 francs (about \$4,000) to keep its engines in operating order. The supertankers are victims of a big drop in French oil consumption — seven percent last year. To make things worse, France is getting more of its oil from the North Sea and less from the Gulf.

## Tin hits record high in London

LONDON, March 15 (AP) — The price of tin hit all-time highs on the London Metal Exchange Monday with tin for three months delivery piercing the 9,000 pounds (\$13,590) a metric ton level.

Tin metal for immediate delivery closed on the LME Monday night at 8,999 pounds (\$13,588.50) a metric ton, 14 pounds over the previous record of 8,985 pounds (\$15,813.60) chalked up April 14 last year during the producers support buying spree.

But tin for three months delivery was up at 9,020 pounds (\$13,620) a metric ton, highest in the LME's history.

Dealers said heavy international Tin Council buying on the futures market and signs of industrial demand will take the price of the metal still higher.

## African bank lends \$35m to 4 states

ABIDJAN, March 15 (AFP) — The African Development Bank is to provide loans worth almost \$35 million for specific projects in Cameroon, Kenya, Somalia and Angola, it announced here.

Cameroon is the main beneficiary, with a 20-year loan worth \$22 million to modernize the Esaka-Maloume section of the Douala to Yaounde railway in anticipation of increased traffic out of Douala Port.

Somalia is to receive the equivalent of \$5 million to finance a line of credit for the Somali Development Bank. The money is repayable over 12 years.

## Prices up in Greece

ATHENS, March 15 (AP) — Greece's consumer price index for January 1983 rose by 0.8 percent from December and by 18.7 percent from January 1982, according to official figures released Monday.

The increase was attributed to higher prices for heating and transportation, but remained low because of a drop in prices in the clothing sector due to the winter sales.

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In another related development, the Polish government promised Monday not to raise the prices of food and other basic commodities this year after hiking the cost of cigarettes, coffee and gasoline.

New gas prices will go into effect Tuesday, with coffee and cigarette increases taking hold in one week.

The stiff price hikes were necessary "to reduce the budget deficit" and because of the "impossibility of boosting the imports of crude oil, tobacco and coffee," the communiqué said. And cigarettes will no longer be rationed as of March 21, but gasoline sales will remain rationed, the communiqué said.

Gasoline prices will jump by eight zlotys

## OPEC suffers 5m bpd fall

NEW YORK, March 15 (R) — OPEC crude-oil production dropped nearly five million barrels daily in the opening months of 1983, an industry newsletter said Monday.

*Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* said output estimates for early March stood at 13.9 million barrels daily for the group, well below the 16.6 million barrels estimated for January and its December estimate of 18.9 million

(10 cents) Tuesday to 40 zlotys (45 cents) per liter for the high-grade product and by four zlotys (five cents) for low-grade to 34 zlotys (38 cents) per liter.

Coffee will more than double in price, from 1,400 zlotys (\$17) to 3,200 zlotys (\$39) per kilogram (2.2 pounds) as of March 21, according to the communiqué. The cheapest cigarettes will jump from seven zlotys (nine cents) to 18 zlotys (22 cents) per pack while the medium-quality brands increase in cost from 15 zlotys (19 cents) to 70 zlotys (85 cents).

The price of high-quality cigarettes, including imports, will skyrocket by up to 20 zlotys (25 cents) a pack to around 90 zlotys (\$1.12).

barrels daily.

Reporting its estimate of January production, the newsletter pointed out that it about matched OPEC's 1982 low of 16.4 million barrels daily last August. It was also 20 percent below the 18.4 million barrels produced daily in January 1982.

The newsletter said the capacity of the OPEC stood at 32.1 million barrels daily.

## Pym urges EEC to end budget row

BRUSSELS, March 15 (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym warned of anti-European Economic Community feelings in the opposition Labor Party and urged his EEC colleagues Monday to settle the EEC's internal budget dispute before the next British elections, sources said.

Pym "was at pains to underline the need" for a quick solution to the EEC's financing problem saying Britain's large net payments to the EEC "are extremely difficult to defend in the U.K.," said one source.

He urged a solution to the ongoing budget row be reached at the June summit meeting, the source said. The next elections must be held in May, 1984, at the latest.

Pym stressed "there is a continued public debate" in Britain about the EEC and warned of Labor's plans to quit the EEC if it wins the elections, the source added.

But France stuck by its refusal to grant Britain a rebate of nearly \$800 million for its overpayments to the EEC budget in 1982.

The rebate carries the stipulation that some of the money must be used for energy projects, a condition Paris objects to for technical reasons, EEC officials said.

## With reports of Soviet inquiry Freight rates looking up

LONDON, March 15 (AFP) — Firmer rates were paid for shipping U.S. grain to Japan on the freight market last week, while Indian government charterers had to pay more for their fertilizer cargoes.

But generally conditions appeared quiet on the surface although the market was still rife with rumor.

Future prospects looked a little brighter with reports that the Soviet Union was ready to buy 11 to 12 million tons of grain from Argentina, two or three million tons more than last season. An estimated four million tons have already been purchased.

Helping to boost the U.S. Gulf/Japan grain trades were indications that the Panama Canal faced another reduction in draught next week because of the continuing dry weather, which would reduce the payload of the vessels by an estimated seven percent since January. In addition, the canal tolls were increased by 9.8 percent Saturday.

These factors, combined with owners' continuing reluctance to commit their vessels to the Far East zone, were the main reasons behind the hardening tone. A 30,000 ton grain cargo was fixed from the U.S. Gulf to Japan at \$18.25 ton for March. For another, for April, \$19.25 was charged which compared with \$18.75 paid three weeks ago in the same trade.

There were also unconfirmed reports that \$18.4 ton had been paid to a 52,000 tonner on this route, which if accurate would be a rise of \$1.5 on the previously confirmed business the week before.

In the U.S. Gulf/Europe grain trade, \$8.1 was paid to a couple of 70,000 tonners, 10 cents more, but in contrast a 20,000 ton grain cargo from the U.S. Gulf to Venezuela was fixed at \$13 down 50 cents on a similar-sized shipment arranged the week before.

There was little backing from the other grain centers, although the Iranians showed late interest in the river Plate, acquiring a 30,000 ton cargo for \$34.75 ton, or 75 cents more than paid for the last reported fixture in December.

These charterers, much quieter of late, were also interested in a sugar cargo out of Denmark. The sugar trades generally had several other orders circulating including Cuba/Algiers and Birmingham/Aqaba.

Fertilizers and cement continued to attract Indian inquiry, and these charterers were required to pay \$24.25 ton for a 13,000 ton bulk phosphate rock shipment out of Dakar, up \$1.35 on a fixture a month ago, while for South Korean cement \$16.25 was agreed (up 55 cents) for a 15,000 T. cargo.

Ore inquiry was said to be circulating, but there were no details.

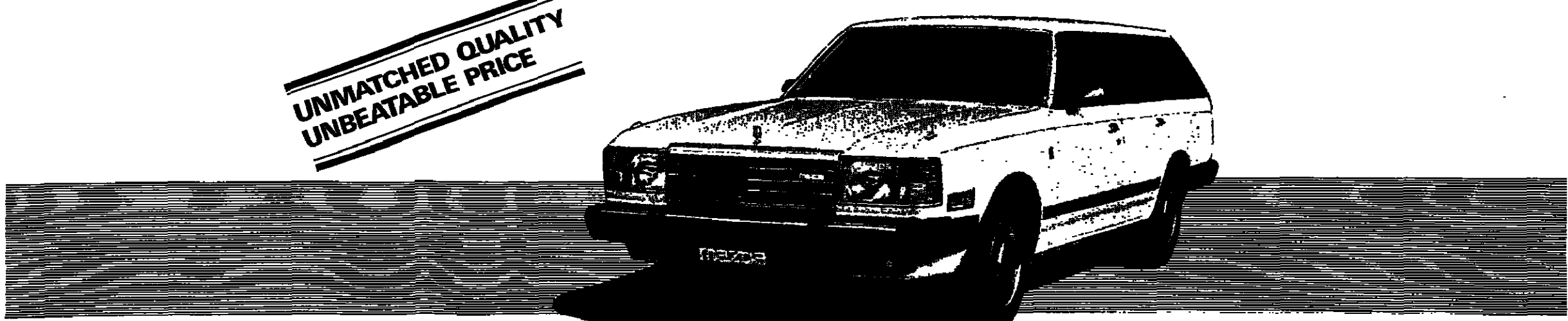


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## Following OPEC decision

## Mexico, Russia slash oil price

LONDON, March 15 (Agencies) — Financially-pressed Mexico cut its oil price by \$2.75 per barrel and the Soviet Union has cut its price to \$28 from \$29.25. The Soviet cut is effective from March 1.

Mexico, the world's fourth biggest producer although not a member of OPEC, announced the new prices hours after OPEC cut its benchmark price by \$5 to \$29 per barrel. Mexico's prized light Istmus crude will now cost \$29.00 per barrel instead of \$32.50. The price of Mexico's heavy Maya crude was cut from \$25 to \$23.00 a barrel.

A spokesman for the state oil company Pemex told Reuters the Maya price was fixed after Mexico agreed to cooperate with Venezuela in the heavy oil market, a highly competitive field particularly in the United States. Oil is Mexico's main source of foreign revenue badly needed to meet payments on its foreign debt of more than \$80 billion.

Mexico sells its crude in a 50/50 light-heavy mix and the president's office said the price cut would cost the country \$1.3 billion in projected crude income this year. But the statement noted that a decline in world inter-

est rates would save the country \$1.5 billion in interest payments due this year on its debt. Before the price cut, the Finance Ministry had estimated oil income this year at \$15 billion, about three-quarters of total export revenue, and interest payments at \$12 billion.

The statement said that despite the relatively moderate price drop Mexico aimed to export 1.5 million barrels a day this year, the same as last year.

"The reduction in the price has a very negative effect on the Mexican economy, but not the catastrophic effect that some people have mentioned," Silva Herzog, Mexico's treasury secretary, said in a meeting with executives of the Associated Press and Western U.S. newspapers. "Mexico will not default," Silva Herzog said Monday night.

"There are a number of positive signs," he said, noting that the prospects of a U.S. economic recovery can help Mexico. Mexico pumps an average of 3 million barrels of crude a day. Half its estimated 1.5 million

barrels a day in exports are sent to the United States. "Fortunately, we made a projection of payments considerably lower" than the \$29-a-barrel price, Silva Herzog said. "We had a cushion."

The treasury secretary also said the dropping prime interest rate in the United States was helping Mexico by decreasing interest payments and improving the American economy, thus spurring Mexico's non-petroleum exports and tourism.

In a wide-ranging discussion of Mexico's economic crisis, Silva Herzog also said:

— The nation is pledged to decrease public spending and limit imports.

— The United States must realize that a healthy Mexican economy aids American interests, especially along the border between the two nations.

— Mexico and no one else is to blame for the nation's financial crisis. "We spent what we had and even what we didn't have," Silva Herzog said. "We overspent."

## To develop economic ties

## Soviet team visits Pakistan

KARACHI, March 15 (AP) — A Soviet delegation led by Minister of Production B.V. Bakin arrived here Monday for a week-long visit for talks with Pakistani industrial officials and to inspect a Soviet-financed steel mill under construction near here.

Bakin told reporters at Karachi airport he would offer to Pakistani officials "all-round" Soviet cooperation and assistance to help Pakistan further develop its economy. The Soviet Union and its people wish to develop economic ties with Pakistan on the basis of mutually beneficial relationship, he said.

Gen. Saeed Qadir, federal minister for production, met the Soviet delegation at the airport. Qadir told reporters he will ask Bakin to accelerate the pace of delivery of supplies and equipment needed for an early completion of the steel mill project.

Construction of the \$5 billion mill began in 1973 under an aid agreement signed between the two countries in the late 1960s. The first blast furnace was dedicated in August 1982 with the inauguration of steel plant and steel converter scheduled to be held Thursday.

Meanwhile, according to preliminary data published in Moscow Tuesday the Soviet economy, off to a good start in January, has slowed down noticeably in February.

The Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* said in a front-page article that industrial

production rose by 5.3 percent in the January-February period over last year's output. Labor productivity rose by 4.6 percent in the first two months of the year from the same period last year, *Pravda* said.

Officials January data published last month were considerably higher, showing a 6.3 percent increase in industrial production and a 5.5 percent increase in labor productivity over January 1982. *Pravda* gave no data for individual branches. It said that the figures for coal, gas and oil were well above targets. But it singled out chemical, wood processing and consumer goods enterprises for failing to meet their targets. *Pravda* also criticized the state transport system for its poor performance, blaming delays in transport for some of the shortcomings in production.

*Pravda* gave no details on agricultural production, but the article pointed out that the main task now was to complete preparations for spring sowing.

## Report attacks U.S. tax havens

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP) — A U.S. Senate report Monday called the only U.S. law designed to control the flow of illegally gained money in the United States to secret bank accounts in foreign tax havens a "monumental failure."

A report by staff of a senate subcommittee said both government regulators and U.S. banks are responsible for the proliferation of so-called "offshore banks," especially in Caribbean countries. The report was issued on the eve of two days congressional hearings on offshore banks, which the staff said are flourishing in countries offering secrecy to depositors and little, if any, taxation.

## Egypt seeks French flour

CAIRO, March 15 (Agencies) — President Hosni Mubarak told French Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert Tuesday that Egypt still needed wheat and flour from France despite a recent deal with the United States.

Mubarak, quoted by his Foreign Trade Minister Mustapha Kamel Saeed, was referring to a deal under which Egypt bought a million tons of subsidized American wheat flour. The American supplies had earlier been expected to shut out French wheat flour exports to Egypt for at least 14 months.

France's contribution to Egypt's nuclear energy projects was also discussed during the 30-minute meeting, Saeed said. Jobert arrived in Cairo Sunday for a week-long visit.

Jobert expressed French readiness to encourage the import of more Egyptian goods "particularly textiles," vegetables and other agricultural products, Kamel Saeed said.

## Sudan, S. Korea to boost trade

SEOUL, March 15 (R) — Sudan and South Korea agreed Tuesday to expand their political, economic and cultural cooperation, a Korean presidential spokesman said.

He added that Presidents Jaafar Numeiri of Sudan and Chun Doo Hwan decided during talks at the presidential mansion that a Korean government-business delegation should go to Sudan to identify suitable projects for cooperation. South Korea would also help to train Sudanese technicians, the spokesman said.

President Numeiri, whose country has diplomatic relations with both North and South Korea, supported Seoul's policy on possible reunification of the divided Korean peninsula, he added. President Numeiri arrived in Seoul Monday for a four-day visit, the first to South Korea by a Sudanese president.

## BRIEFS

MONTREAL (AFP) — Canadian Pacific, Canada's top conglomerate, announced a 1982 profit of 180,300,000 Canadian dollars, against its previous 485,600,000.

SANTIAGO (AFP) — The Chilean airline Lan has suspended flights to Madrid, Paris and Frankfurt, but will provide services there through the Brazilian Varig. The company last year lost \$14,500,000 the same figure as in 1981.

PARIS (AFP) — Plans by Clarion, part of Japanese Nissan, to start making car radios at Pompey, east France, late this year with a workforce of 150 will mean the sacking of hundreds by Blaupunkt and Radiotechnique, the French electronics federation said.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) — Brazil hopes to sell more sugar to the Soviet Union, after last year's deal for \$200 million, trade sources said. A sugar buying executive recently visited Brazil, but when leaving he merely said the Soviet Union might import more meat in exchange for Brazil's purchase of oil and ships to transport cars.

## Dollar weakens, gold jumps

LONDON, March 15 (AP) — The U.S. dollar weakened in early trading Tuesday following the OPEC accord on oil prices and production quotas and the absence of a widely-expected realignment of currencies within the European Monetary System.

The success of the French Socialist government in the second round of municipal elections Sunday spurred the franc higher and eased tension within the EMS, the Common Market's money system.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the dollar slumped to 236.86 yen from 238.60 yen late Monday. Later in Europe, the dollar eased further to 236.425 yen.

The British pound jumped nearly 1 cent in early trading Tuesday to \$1.5160 from \$1.5080 late Monday.

Other early rates compared with Monday's late levels:

2.3750 German marks, down from 2.3895.

2.0477 Swiss francs, down from 2.0680.

6.7325 French francs, down from 6.7650.

2.6330 Dutch guilders, down from 2.6435.

1,409 Italian lire, down from 1,419.

1.22405 Canadian dollars, down from 1.22645.

The price of gold jumped nearly \$10 an ounce in early trading in Zurich Tuesday as news that oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries had agreed on price and production quotas steadied bullion markets.

The precious metal was quoted at \$436.25 an ounce, up from \$427.50 at Monday's close.

London's five main bullion dealers "fixed" an indicative price of \$436.50 an ounce, up sharply from \$428.25 at the close Monday.

Silver bullion eased from Monday's \$10.24 an ounce to \$10.305 in early trading in London.

The following are the closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:

London 431.00  
Paris 446.11  
Frankfurt 438.00  
Zurich 434.50  
Hong Kong 437.30

## Ships refuse to pay transit fees

ANKARA, March 15 (R) — Soviet merchant ships are still refusing to pay transit fees in the Bosphorus and Dardanelles Straits despite an 80 percent cut which Turkey introduced in the charges last month, shipping sources in Istanbul said Tuesday.

Moscow has told shipping agents acting for the Soviet ships not to pay the fees, for sanitary, lighting and life-saving charges, until Turkey explains how the new rates were calculated, the sources told Reuters by telephone from Istanbul. Turkey slashed the charges at the end of February just over three months after it had raised them 10-fold without warning.

The rise brought strong protests from shipping companies and several governments and Soviet, Bulgarian and Romanian ships stopped paying the fees before they were reduced. The shipping sources said Bulgarian and Romanian ships were now paying the reduced fees. Bulgarian, Romanian and Soviet ships make up the bulk of foreign traffic in the Straits, between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean.

So far government officials have given no public explanation of how the latest rates were calculated. Rates for a ship of 20,000 net registered tons not sailing to or from a Turkish port are now about \$6,200 for a return trip through the Straits compared with

\$3,500 before last November's rise.

The rates are tied to the price of the gold franc under the 1936 Montreux convention governing the straits. The shipping sources said Moscow had told its shipping agents in Istanbul it wanted assurances that the method of calculating the new rates was within the strictures of the Montreux agreement.

## World Bank hopeful of Uganda's growth

KAMPALA, March 15 (AP) — The World Bank is optimistic about Uganda's economic prospects. In a report released March 3 in Washington, it said the East African country has made a decisive start on its recovery, disclosing an eight percent increase in production during 1981 and five percent last year.

Official purchases of coffee, the country's main export, leaped from 98,000 tons in 1980-81 to 165,000 tons the following season, it said. And cotton production is expected to triple to 20,000 tons this year. Not all observers are as optimistic, noting that the still active guerrilla resistance to President Milton Obote's government is centered in the country's richest agricultural areas.

Foreign Exchange Rates		
Quoted at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday		
	Cash	Transfer
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Bangladesh Taka	14.21	14.11
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	73.87
Canadian Dollar		2.83
Deutsche Mark (100)	145.00	144.45
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.25	130.70
Egyptian Pound	3.10	3.19
European Dollar (100)	93.25	94.60
French Franc (100)	51.60	51.45
Greek Drachma (1,000)	38.00	41.55
Indian Rupee (100)		34.67
Iranian Rial (100)		
Israeli Lira (100)	5.80	24.70
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.90	14.70
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.70
Jordanian Dinar	9.75	9.71
Korean Won (100)	11.85	11.80
Lebanese Lira (100)	83.00	82.30
Moroccan Dirham (100)	53.25	53.85
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.80
Philippine Peso (100)		36.46
Pound Sterling	5.25	5.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.25	94.60
Singapore Dollar (100)		165.90
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		26.56
Swiss Franc (100)	169.50	168.73
Syrian Lira (100)	60.00	61.60
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.15	75.15

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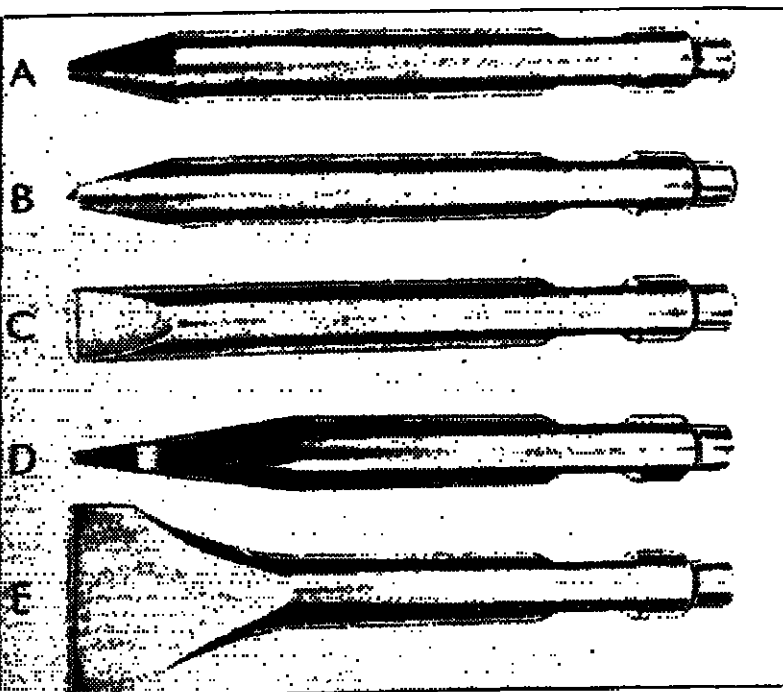


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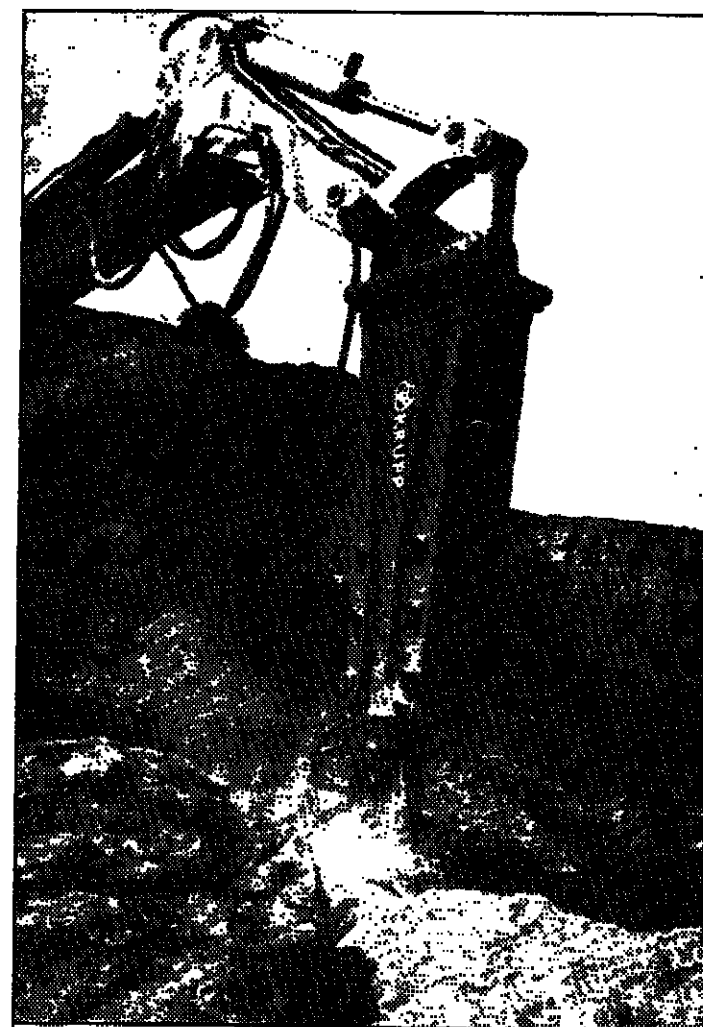


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## Suffering from depression

## Dutch prince keeps out of public gaze

By Abner Katzman

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The tall, haggard man accompanied by a bodyguard can sometimes be seen seeking diversion in the movie theaters and museums of the Swiss city Basel, far from the country where his face is routinely recognized.

Prince Claus of the Netherlands has left the side of his wife, Queen Beatrix, because of an emotional disorder. His life has become a round of shuttling from one clinic to another, in search of a cure.

He was diagnosed as suffering from depression six months ago. Since then, the 56-year-old German-born prince has dropped out of the whirl of public activity which made him one of the most popular public figures in the Netherlands.

The handsome smiling face that greeted his adopted countrymen almost every week in the pages of newspapers and magazines, has all but disappeared from public view.

According to a high government source, who is familiar with Claus' treatment, the prince was suffering from "not being able to pursue a full life because of belonging to the royal house," and added that "Claus is an intelligent man who needs responsibility."

The source said that starting late last summer the prince "felt very bad. One day he was absolutely fit and energetic and worked like hell, and the next day you could see it on his face, he felt rotten."

Speaking on condition that his name not be used, the source said Claus told him "I can't enjoy anything."

Claus' illness prompted Beatrix to cancel all state visits during 1983, and deprived her of her ceremonial escort and his counsel.

Television coverage of the November state visit to Britain showed the Dutch people a gaunt and slow moving royal consort, a far cry from the witty and energetic prince whose graciousness extends even to giving flowers to reporters who cover his travels.

During the three-day British visit, he dropped out of many official activities for reasons of health.

Regular news coverage of Claus' court and public service activities has dwindled to terse statements from the government information service chronicling his arrival from or departure for another spell of treatment.

Late last month he returned to the internationally known Basel University psychiatric clinic, after his physicians determined his progress was unsatisfactory at the Sint Laurens Hospital in the southern Dutch city of Breda.

In line with the closely guarded private life of Dutch royalty, there has been a virtual news blackout on the nature or treatment of his illness since the information service announced last October that Claus had



Prince Claus

entered the Basel clinic for "complaints of a depressive nature."

Claus is currently being treated with a combination of anti-depressant drugs and exercise therapy, according to the government source, who said the apparent ineffectiveness of the drug therapy forced his return to Basel.

The government source said the decision to cancel all state visits for a year was made on the advice of his doctors and was intended to take the psychological pressure off Claus.

"They did not want him to feel that 'my health is the reason that she cannot operate,'" the source said, noting that court etiquette requires that the queen have a royal escort on her state visits.

Claus' problems began after Beatrix's inauguration as queen in 1980. The consequent change in her husband's role was the major cause of his condition, the source said. "At the very moment his wife took over as head of state, she took off like a rocket, and has her advisers and other responsibilities."

Claus, who had served as Beatrix's closest adviser before her inauguration, saw much of that role eroded and taken over by court and government officials.

The inauguration also brought increasing publicity to the royal couple.

They moved from the comparatively unpretentious Drakesteyn Palace near Utrecht to Huis Ten Bosch, a secluded and heavily guarded palace on the outskirts of the Hague.

After his 1966 marriage, Claus, a former West German diplomat in the Caribbean and

West Africa, began to play an active role in formulating Dutch foreign aid policy.

He served four years as chairman of the National Committee for Development Strategy, but was forced to resign the post when frictions developed between the quasi-governmental board and the government then in power.

Claus became a special adviser on development aid to the Foreign Ministry, but had more time on his hands than he wanted, according to the government source.

He found his wide-ranging interests increasingly constricted by court protocol and the need to avoid actions or statements that could be deemed political, the source noted.

## New theory on diabetes

LONDON (LPS) — A new study of insulin-dependent diabetes in identical twins has brought doctors closer to being able to predict its development in people thought to be at risk.

Insulin-dependent diabetes is the most severe form of the disease, and is now considered to be an auto-immune disease in which the cells of the pancreas responsible for producing insulin are destroyed by the body's immune system. If doctors could know for certain which individuals would develop the disease, they could treat potential diabetes before the process takes hold.

Previous research has shown an association between diabetes and certain antigens coded for by the so called "major histocompatibility complex." These antigens are expressed on the surfaces of the body's defense cells, and help them to recognize invading foreign cells.

Researchers had already recognized that two antigens predispose to diabetes. With the help of 106 pairs of identical twins, Dr. Colin Johnston and colleagues at Kings College Hospital and St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London showed that the risk of developing diabetes is far greater if a person has both these antigens than if he or she has either antigen alone.

In 56 pairs, both twins had diabetes and in the other 50 pairs only one of each pair had the disease. As expected, both sets showed a high prevalence of one or other of both antigens compared with controls.

By Nwcole Martiche

BONN (AFP) — North Sea pollution has now reached an all-time high, with thousands of birds killed by oil slicks washed up on the shores, nitrates by the thousands of tons being carried into the sea by riverwaters and fishermen being forced to dump a third of their catch — fish covered in ulcers caused by mercury and cadmium-contaminated waters.

Whether it be along the West German, Dutch or Danish coasts, the situation has become alarming, and West German Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann recently called on members of the European Community to take drastic action by setting up a special environmental protection coastguard fleet, similar to the one established by the United States.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has also called on North Sea coastal nations to hold a conference as soon as possible "to save German seals and seabirds."

And in another appeal to avert a potential ecological catastrophe, the wife of former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt only a few months ago handed over a petition with some

## Graveyard for migratory birds

## North Sea pollution reaches new high

55,000 names to West German President Karl Carstens.

One of the most threatened North Sea areas is the Watt, a shallow coastal area some 450 kms long and 1.6 kms wide running along the Netherlands, West Germany and Denmark.

This coastal fringe is covered by water only at high tide. The rest of the time it serves as a home for some 4,000 species of plants and animals, a quarter of which could not survive anywhere else. Its seaweeds and worms, for example, provide vital nourishment for species of migratory birds on stopover flights from Southern Africa, Siberia and Antarctica, and the area also serves as a unique breeding ground for fish such as herrings, sprats and flounders.

But over the past decades, the Rhine, the Elbe, the Weser and the Ems rivers have systematically carried a yearly total of 170,000 tons of nitrates 80 tons of mercury, 500 tons of cadmium and 34,000 tons of other metals into the area.

The nitrates act as fertilizers on the local planktons and seaweeds, which grow at such

a rate that they eventually swamp the mussels, crabs, plaice and flounders. In the last 20 years, the number of seals detected on the coast has dwindled from 3,000 to a mere 500.

Meanwhile, a million tons of fuel oil from the North Sea oil-rigs, ports, seaside industrial plants and tankers are washed up on the shore each year. Specialists say that many birds spend so much time trying to clean themselves of oil that they have little time to feed and often die of hunger.

Contrary to expectations most of the pollution does not stem from the occasional catastrophe caused by the foundering of an oil-tanker, but by constant year-long pollution stemming from industry, interior ministry officials said.

The West German government has, meanwhile decided to set aside 300,000 marks (some \$130,000) for ornithological research in Heligoland, a North Sea island where thousands of dead fuel-logged birds were washed up during winter storms.

The recent entry of the West German "Greens" to federal parliament may provide some hope for ecologists straining to avoid a North Sea catastrophe.

## SOME DRUGS TAKE LONGER TO ACT

Dear Dr. Steiner: Although she has at last cooperated with her doctor, she still doesn't feel well. It all started when our daughter was divorced.

For my wife it was almost like a death in the family. She couldn't accept my daughter's decision because as a mother-in-law she liked her husband so much.

As a result she gradually slipped into a depression. In spite of all our efforts to help, she got worse. She refused to see the doctor. At last we convinced her to do so.

He put her on medications for her depression a week ago. She has shown no improvement at all. We're all disappointed because he was so sure the treatment would help. Have we expected too much?—Mr. L.

Dear Mr. L.: In the past few decades there has been such a large influx of "wonder" drugs, that many of us have been spoiled. We expect improvement overnight. In many cases this happens. But for the most part, it takes time for some medicines to produce the effect we're looking for.

This is true of most drugs used to fight depression. Don't become impatient. Within two or three weeks is the usual time span for anti-depression drugs to take effect.

So better not let your wife discontinue her medicine prematurely. If she complained of headache you'd expect that an aspirin tablet would perform its miracle and make it disappear within hours.

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(Replies to and from readers)

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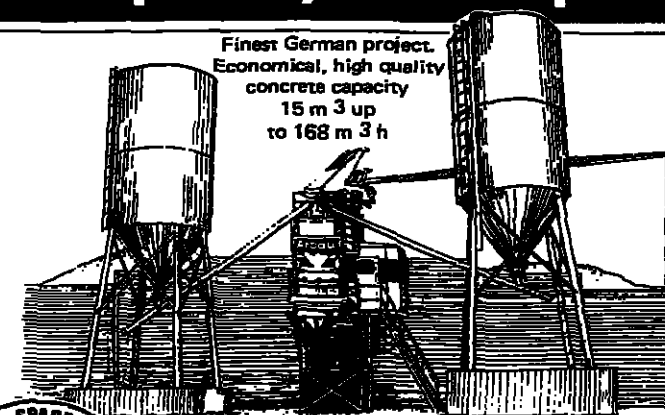
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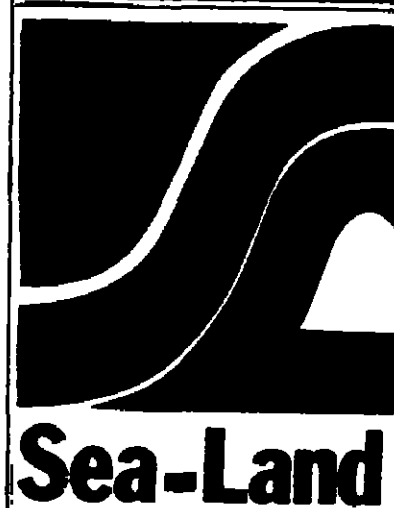
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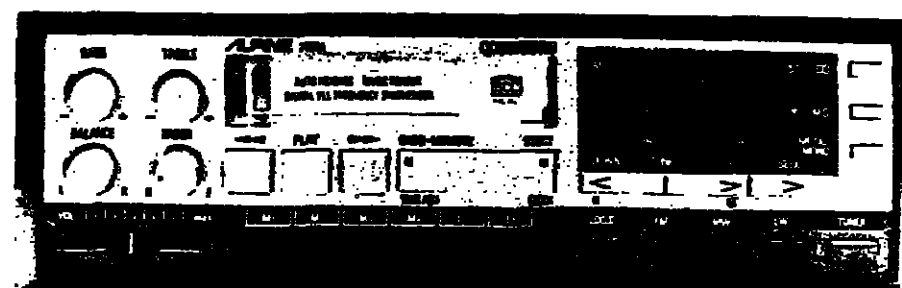
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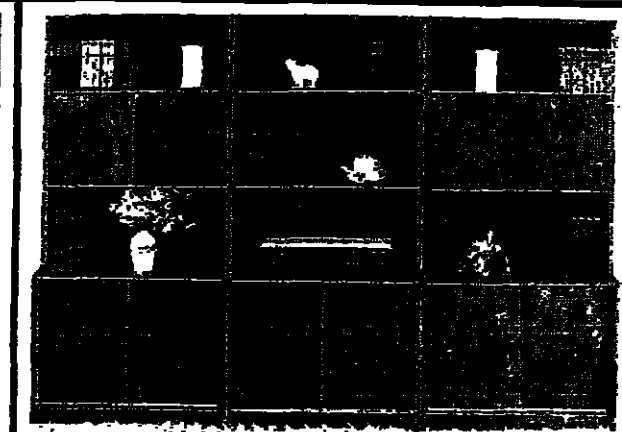
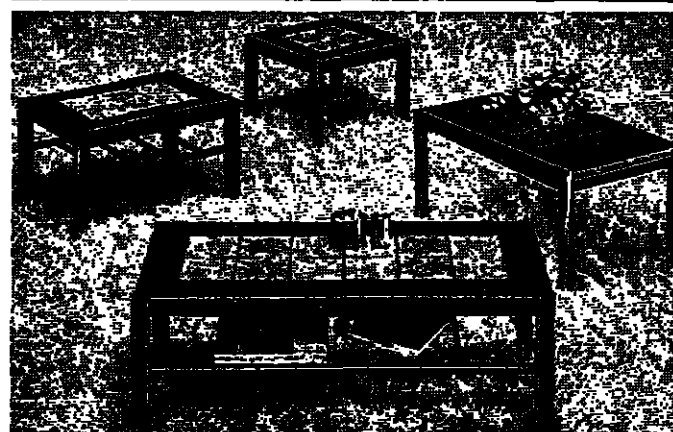
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NO MORE SLEEPING WHILE YOU'RE WORKING

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BUT I WASN'T WORKING!

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BLEAH! WHENEVER DADDY'S AWAY- MOM COOKS THE STUFF HE HATES!

IT'S SPINACH QUICHE, MICHAEL!- IT'S GOOD FOR YOU- DON'T YOU WANT TO GROW UP BIG AND STRONG-LIKE DADDY?

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I WONDER HOW DADS GET SO BIG ON STUFF THEY NEVER EAT!

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SHOW ME A GUY WITH HIS HEAD IN THE CLOUDS...

AND I'LL SHOW YOU A GUY THAT SNOTS HELIUM

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I WANT TO CONSOLIDATE ALL MY DEBTS -

I'D LIKE TO HAVE ONLY ONE BILL I CAN'T PAY -

EASY FINANCE CORP.

3-16

I THINK WE ARE LOSING THE WAR AGAINST CRIME

WHY?

3-27

GET A LOAD OF THAT NEW STORE

RENT-A-WEAPON

3-27

PLAY MOST WIDE BALLS BACK CROSSCOURT!

A DOWN-THE-LINE RETURN FROM YOUR SIDELINE AREA WOULD OFFER OPPONENT TOO MUCH OPEN COURT TO EXPLOIT ON THE NEXT SHOT.

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ALSO THE NATURE OF THE CROSS-COURT STRIKING ACTION IS SUCH TO PERMIT YOU TO REBOUND FROM THE SHOT AND RECOVER CENTER COURT MORE EASILY.

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"I CAN'T TELL TIME BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A BIG HAND AND A LITTLE HAND."

### arab news Calendar

TV Programs	
<b>Saudi Arabia</b> 1:00 Opening Ceremonies 1:30 Family Program 2:00 Family Interview 2:30 Children's Series (Dubbed) 3:00 Cartoons 3:30 Arabic Series 4:00 Children's School 4:30 Modern Mathematics 5:00 Quran School 5:30 Religious Program 6:00 English News 6:30 People and Places 7:00 Local Program 7:30 Sports Program 8:00 Development Horizons 8:30 Song 9:00 Arabic News 9:30 Program Preview 9:50 Daily Arabic Series 10:00 Variety Show 10:30 Weekly Arabic Series 11:00 News Summary 11:30 Close down	<b>Bahrain Channel 4</b> 4:00 Quran 4:10 Religious Talk 4:25 Program Preview 4:30 Cartoons 4:40 Religious Program 4:55 Songs 5:00 Daily Arabic Series 5:30 Arabic News 5:45 Sports Program 6:00 Play of the Week 6:30 Bahrain Channel 55 6:45 Program Preview 6:55 Cartoons 7:00 Camp Wilderness 7:30 News 7:45 Best Sellers 8:00 Musical Show 8:30 Lon Goss, followed by News Summary
<b>Dubai Channel 10</b> 4:00 Holy Quran 4:15 Religious Talk 4:30 Cartoons 4:40 Religious Program 4:55 Arabic Cartoons 5:30 Religious Program 6:00 Documentary 6:30 Science & Life 7:00 Daily Gulf Series 8:00 Local News 8:10 Students Program 8:30 Arabic News 9:00 World News 10:00 World News 10:30 Songs & Program	<b>Qatar</b> 6:00 Quran 6:15 Cartoons 6:30 Educational Program 7:00 Let's of the Wild 8:30 Body Talk 9:00 World News 9:45 Open University 10:15 Big League Soccer 11:00 Theater
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### Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS  
1 Nuisance  
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13 Dissolute  
14 Dweller in (stuff.)  
15 Obscure  
16 Between (It.)  
17 Tolerate  
19 Waterfall (Scot.)  
20 Chinese society  
21 Run up against  
22 Hood  
23 American socialist  
24 Cowardly Lion  
25 Shakespearean king  
26 Metric measure  
27 Communicate with  
30 Chinese pagoda  
31 Had dinner  
32 man  
33 Turn upside down  
35 City of Manasseh  
36 Sound system

DOWN  
37 Gaze  
38 Term of endearment  
39 Whirlpool  
1 Lose control  
2 Love  
3 poetry's muse  
3 Gaynor film classic  
4 Scottish river  
5 Bowlers' "inning"  
6 Hospice  
7 Dopey  
8 Tales  
9 Inhabit  
11 Being in debt  
15 Bell sound  
18 Gloomy  
21 Flesh  
22 Italian city  
23 Dune  
24 Somewhat tardy  
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28 Belief precept  
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Yesterday's Answer

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### DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES  
YBSYTB JGS GHXB HD GSFE  
PS JHVPB' FVFHTTR PER PS  
VYBDW LP JLPG VSUBSDB JGS  
WSBV DSP. - OBEDHEW UBTPKBE  
Yesterday's Cryptquote: OLD AGE IS WHEN YOU'RE MORE INTERESTED IN PENSION THAN PASSION. - SOURCE NOT KNOWN

### Contract Bridge B. Jay and Steve Becker

There's Only One Right Play

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH  
♠ 73  
♥ 962  
♦ K J 1052  
♣ 854

WEST  
♠ 96  
♥ Q J 1084  
♦ A 7  
♣ K J 73

EAST  
♠ 842  
♥ 53  
♦ Q 98643  
♣ 106

SOUTH  
♠ AK Q J 105  
♥ AK 7  
♦ A  
♣ AQ 92

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2♣ Pass 2NT Pass  
3♣ Pass 4♣  
Opening lead - queen of hearts.

Let's say you're declarer in four spades and West leads a heart. You win with the king, draw three rounds of trumps, and, as you have an inevitable heart loser, you must try to avoid losing three club tricks. If you play the ace and a low club - hoping to find the suit 3-3, or either opponent with the doubleton king - you go down one against proper defense.

But if you play the clubs more carefully, you wind up making the contract. After cashing the ace of clubs, you continue with the queen instead of the deuce! This slight modification in the play brings a highly satisfactory result. West's king and East's ten fall on the same trick and you lose only two clubs, not three. It might be argued the queen play is right if you see all four hands, but that there is no justification for playing the queen if you see only two hands. It is not difficult to answer this argument on a reasonable basis. It is obvious that if the clubs are 3-3 it makes no difference whether you lead the deuce or the queen. But if the clubs are divided 4-2, the card you choose to play will frequently make a difference. The player holding the doubleton will be dealt J-x or 10-x exactly twice as often as K-x, and it is therefore better to play the queen than the deuce - because it is the winning play in the long run. Finding the right percentage play of the queen is by no means a complicated mathematical proposition. It's plain common sense, that's all.

### Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake  
FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1983

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)  
Go after what you want, but don't come on too strong. You'll be privy to confidential information. Exercise initiative.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20)  
Maintain a low profile for success. Privacy allows you to accomplish more than usual. Get rid of household clutter.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
It's your turn to plan a get-together of friends. You may decide to join a club. Use reason rather than force with others.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
Get an early start and you'll be a step ahead of the competition. Don't wait for success to happen. Make your own breaks.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)  
Consult with advisers about financial moves. An evening date may be changed. Travel and academic matters are highlighted.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)  
This is a favorable time to arrange a bank loan or to seek extra credit. A household appliance may have outlived its usefulness.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)  
Make the first move in romance, but don't raise controversial issues. Temper your approach, as you could overwhelm others.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)  
Extra drive brings you success on the job, although a co-worker may find you somewhat pushy. Unexpected expenses could arise.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)  
Include sports or exercise on your agenda today. You're in a rush to get things done, and could overlook something.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)  
Don't assume a patronizing attitude with a loved one. You're in the mood to tackle domestic chores or home improvements.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)  
Make plans now for a weekend jaunt. You're inclined to be somewhat bossy now. With reasonable discussion, though, you'll get your way.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)  
Money could come in and go out today. Try to curb extravagant tendencies. Seek ways to improve your financial status.

### CHESS/Leonard Barden

White (to move) is a pawn ahead, but Black hopes for a draw with bishops of opposite colors. The black bishop can protect all his pawns, whereas the white bishop can never attack them.

Does White have a realistic winning attempt, and can Black stop it?

Yesterday's solution  
1 P-K4 (threat 2 P-B4 ch, KxP; 3 Q-B7 mate). If 1... BxP; 2 Q-K5 and 3 QxB mate. If 1... K-R2; 2 Q-K5 ch! KxQ; 3 PxB (promotes to knight) mate.

### Believe It or Not!

THE WORLD'S OLDEST ICE  
A GLACIER, in Antarctica, discovered by Ian Whillans of Ohio State University and some fellow scientists, contains hundreds of meteorites, which when examined, revealed the ice was some 600,000 YEARS OLD

THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM  
In 1914 won eight games, was unscored upon, and didn't lose a single game - yet it did not have a perfect season. It was tied 0-0 by the University of Georgia. Submitted by David J. Irvine, Delmar, N.Y.




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## U.K. joins chorus on missiles

### Favors early American move to end Geneva stalemate

LONDON, March 15 (R) — Britain has joined West Germany and Italy in urging the United States to offer new proposals soon on European-based missiles, official sources said Tuesday. The British move brings into line all three countries which are set to deploy new U.S. missiles next December unless there is prior agreement in U.S.-Soviet arms negotiations.

British sources said the government favored a "fairly early move" by the United States in the stalemate 15-month-long Geneva talks. Britain believed the United States should aim for an interim solution which would be less than President Reagan's preferred "zero option" — a total ban on both U.S. and Soviet land-based medium-range missiles in Europe.

Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo last week called for an intermediate agreement to "inject new energy" into the talks, and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said last weekend it was "time for new proposals." U.S. and West European officials will

meet in Brussels on Friday to discuss the next stage in the negotiations.

The Soviet Union has repeatedly rejected the zero option, first offered by the United States when the talks began in November 1981. It has also rejected even a partial solution involving the dismantling of some of Moscow's SS-20 missiles, but Western Experts think a deal on these lines can be negotiated.

NATO diplomats believe a joint stand by Britain, West Germany and Italy is likely to weigh heavily with the Reagan administration, which is believed to be divided over whether the time is right to back away from the zero option. The three European governments agree with Washington that the zero option should be retained as an end-goal.

All three have agreed to accept new U.S. missiles if the Geneva talks fail to achieve results by December, but they face pressure from peace movements opposed to the deployments. Britain is to get the first of 160

Cruise missiles in December, Italy the first of 112 Cruises, and West Germany the first of 108 Pershing-2s. Later deployments over five years call for 96 Cruises in West Germany and 48 each in the Netherlands and Belgium.

NATO diplomats said there was still discussion over whether new proposals should be tabled before the Geneva talks break on March 29 for a scheduled two-month adjournment. They said West Germany wanted to favor a move before the recess. A government spokesman in Bonn called Monday for new proposals to be tabled "at the earliest possible moment."

British sources said this was a question of tactics, and there were no major arguments over when the move should be made. But they said the United States was undecided whether early action was needed or whether the West should wait for a Soviet move. A White House spokesman said Monday he was not anticipating a formal U.S. proposal before the talks recess.

## Man climbs 75-story tower, held

HOUSTON, March 15 (AP) — Hundreds of people gathered below the 75-story Texas Commerce Tower, cheering and honking horns in approval as a stuntman swung himself to the roof Monday night, completing an 18-hour, 999-foot climb.

The crowd, which gathered on streets ordinarily deserted after sundown, chanted "go, go, go" as Ron Broyles rested for several minutes at the 74th floor.

Police arrested Broyles at the top. He was given a hamburger on the elevator ride down, and gave a thumbs-up signal to the crowd as he was driven away in a police car to the Harris County Jail, said building manager Ferrell Hays.

Broyles' attorney, Jim Moriarty, said he planned to post an \$800 bond for Broyles on a class A criminal trespassing charge.

Broyles, 29, wore a white tuxedo as he climbed the smooth stone face of the Commerce Tower in downtown Houston. He said earlier in the day that he expected to be greeted to top with handcuffs from police and applause from admirers. "I'm doing fine," Broyles told reporters by portable telephone during the climb. "It's lovely up here. Fabulous." "I'm a little tired, but that's to be expected," he added.

Hays, who had filed a complaint with police during Broyles' climb, said he is not worried about repeat performances. "Once, someone's done it's not that big deal," he said. "It's history."

Many of the secretaries in offices that he climbed past asked Broyles for dates or issued dinner invitations by posting signs on the windows.

Building officials and police made no attempt to stop the climb, explaining that they did not want to take any action that would endanger Broyles. But Texas Commerce Tower manager Ferrell Hays said he would ask police to arrest Broyles when he reached the top of the building.

The climber's equipment consisted of a pair of metal ladders that expand to lodge in the window-washing track on the side of the smooth-stone building. Handles locked the wedges in place and Broyles was suspended by nylon straps from the handles.

One strap was connected to a web seat and the other to a foot strap. Broyles climbed by alternately moving the wedges upward. A member of Broyles' ground crew, Jim Martin, said Broyles has climbed four other tall buildings.

### Assam to probe riots

NEW DELHI, March 15 (AP) — The provincial administration in trouble-torn Assam will make an inquiry into the recent orgy of violence which left between 1,500 and 3,500 persons dead. Federal Interior Minister Prakash Chandra Sethi announced this Monday during a debate sponsored by the opposition in the Indian parliament's lower house. He said a high-level administrative inquiry committee would shortly be set up for the purpose.

Sethi, who returned from a tour of Assam Sunday, told the house about 1,500 were killed and another 2,000 officially reported missing. Earlier, Sethi said in a statement that hundreds who were left homeless and otherwise uprooted people had been accommodated in relief camps in Assam.

## From page one

In Brussels, economists of the European Community said the price cut would give a psychological boost to recession-hit industry. But it was too soon to predict a lasting effect on economic recovery. Latest community commission economic forecasts for 1983, calculated against the background of some decline in oil prices, foresaw economic growth of only 0.4 percent. Community officials said privately they did not foresee depressed European industries using much more oil as a result of the price cut nor did they see energy demand among private consumers shooting up.

In Bahrain, bankers in the Gulf said the cut is not enough to revive demand for its crude, and the agreement is unlikely to hold for long. They said OPEC did little beyond aligning the price more closely with world prices,

which remain below the new marker. Thus, they forecast, some OPEC members were likely to go on discounting on the group's official tariffs to bolster flagging sales, giving little hope for the new accord's survival. Also, the bankers said, as OPEC's current 14 million barrels per day (BPD) production is well below its new agreed 17.5 million BPD output ceiling, the price cut was unlikely to cause enough extra demand to let OPEC members meet their full output quotas.

Pressure for more OPEC price cuts would intensify, they said, if non-OPEC producers — Britain in particular — undercut its new prices. "This is not the end of the price slide, by any means," one banker commented.

In Islamabad, official sources said energy-starved Pakistan could save about \$150 mil-

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Athens	3	37	11	52	cloudy
Bahrein	17	63	23	73	cloudy
Bangkok	28	82	32	90	clear
Beirut	8	46	14	57	cloudy
Berlin	3	37	11	52	cloudy
Buenos Aires	15	59	29	77	clear
Calcutta	8	46	16	61	cloudy
Caracas	21	70	31	88	clear
Chicago	1	34	8	46	cloudy
Copenhagen	6	43	8	46	cloudy
Dublin	4	39	9	48	clear
Frankfurt	7	45	15	59	cloudy
Geneva	6	43	13	55	rain
Helsinki	0	32	3	37	cloudy
Hong Kong	12	54	15	59	rain
Jakarta	22	72	32	90	rain
Kuala Lumpur	24	75	33	91	rain
London	5	41	10	50	clear
Los Angeles	16	61	23	73	clear
Madrid	9	48	20	68	clear
Manila	22	72	34	93	clear
Medco City	8	46	23	73	clear
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Moscow	-4	25	4	39	clear
New Delhi	16	61	30	86	clear
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Stockholm	2	36	6	43	cloudy
Sydney	19	66	23	73	cloudy
Taipei	13	55	18	64	rain
Tokyo	3	37	11	52	cloudy
Toronto	0	32	9	48	clear
Vancouver	7	45	13	55	cloudy
Vienna	-4	25	9	48	clear

## Guatemalan envoy fired

### For delaying pope request

VATICAN CITY, March 15 (AFP) — The Guatemalan ambassador here has been sacked for allegedly being late in relaying to his government a request by Pope John Paul II to commute the death sentences of six guerrillas executed by firing squad, on the eve of the pope's official visit to the Central American country.

Luis Valladares y Aycoz told AFP here Tuesday that he had received two letters Friday from his government — one accusing him of the delay, the other informing that his functions as ambassador here would cease April 1.

The ambassador — dean of the diplomatic corps here, where he has served since 1966 — denied that he was late in transmitting to Guatemala City the pope's request for a stay of execution.

He said he would sue Guatemalan Foreign Minister Eduardo Castillo Arriola for having used slanderous terms in the letter informing him that he had been fired. The letter said the ambassador's action had caused "deep disgust and countless problems" in the Guatemalan government.

Valladares showed AFP an official letter

he had written to his ministry on Feb. 21, recounting how Archbishop Achille Silvestrini, secretary of the Vatican's Public Relations Council, had shown him a handwritten note by John Paul II, asking for the death sentences on the six men to be commuted.

The ambassador said his three sons in Guatemala followed the progress of the registered letter, which arrived at the Guatemala City post office on Feb. 28. It was given to a mailman on March 1 and handed to the Foreign Ministry March 2 — the day before the executions.

"I had already telephoned the ministry on Feb. 24 and tried to talk to the minister," the ambassador said. "He was not available, but my secretary relayed the pope's request to the vice minister, Edgar Sarceno."

Sarceno replied that he had had dinner with the papal nuncio in Guatemala City Feb. 23, and had complained of a broadcast on Vatican radio criticizing the Guatemalan Army and government. The vice minister also said that a first request for the executions to be commuted had been relayed by the nuncio on Feb. 18.

## It's NATO sub, paper says

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, March 15 (AP) — A newspaper said Tuesday one of the unidentified submarines the Swedish Navy attempted to bomb last October as it lurked in a bay near the capital was a NATO vessel.

Naval officials denied the report by *Dagens Industri*, a business paper. The report contradicted widespread speculation the submarines, believed to be two, came from the Soviet bloc.

The Swedish Navy launched a massive hunt for the submarines after they were reportedly sighted in Hors Bay in the Stockholm archipelago last October.

The navy, which tried unsuccessfully to bomb the intruders to the surface for identification, has avoided speculation on the submarine's nationality.

*Dagens Industri*, quoting unnamed sources in the Swedish military and two North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries, said sonar recordings of running engines indicated one of the subs came from NATO.

## Bomb explodes at U.S. naval office

LONDON, March 15 (AP) — An incendiary letter bomb exploded at a U.S. naval office in London on Tuesday, slightly wounding one person, Scotland Yard announced. A yard spokesman said the incendiary had exploded in the South Audley Street office of U.S. naval intelligence, only 200 yards from the American Embassy in Grosvenor Square. Officers of the Yard's anti-terrorist squad raced to the scene.

A similar device was intercepted at the U.S. Embassy mailroom on Feb. 22 and successfully defused before it exploded. The embassy declined to say to whom the bomb was addressed, police said there was no indication who had sent it and no one claimed responsibility.

A number of such letter bombs were sent last month to the Soviet Embassy in London and a Soviet weekly newspaper, to the British Agriculture Ministry, the Canadian Embassy, a furrier in London's financial district, two fur companies in Manchester and the Glasgow, Scotland, city hall.

Responsibility for most were claimed by an organization calling itself the Animal Rights Militia although the one in Scotland was claimed by a Scottish separatist group protesting a visit to the city by the Princess of Wales.

An organization called the Jewish Defense League said it was responsible for the letter bombs to the Soviet institutions.

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## Allies disappoint America on El Salvador

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP) — A top-ranking Pentagon official said Monday that the reaction of Western European nations to U.S. efforts in El Salvador are disappointing and in some cases "may be outright mischievous."

"The role played and the positions taken by our European allies in the struggle for democracy in Central America and the Caribbean have been very disappointing," said Fred C. Ikle, undersecretary of defense for policy.

"They either want to remain quite ignorant about what is really going on and permit themselves to be deceived by totalitarian

propaganda or some may be outright mischievous."

Ikle made the statement in Senate testimony as he defended the U.S. administration's request for an additional \$110 million in military aid to the Central American country.

Ikle said France has sold arms to Nicaragua and other European countries have given economic assistance to that leftist-ruled Central American nation, which the U.S. government maintains is funneling arms to Marxist guerrillas in El Salvador.

Ikle said that since the leftist Sandinista government took power in Nicaragua in

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